



Restoring the Past - Improving the Future

Dear Mayor Dever:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the various building owners, businesses, partnerships, and tenants in the Warehouse Arts District voicing our support for the extension of the Burroughs Creek trail connecting Hobbs Park and East Lawrence with Downtown and beyond.

As you are aware, the area between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania and Delaware Street was not always a vibrant art district. Merely three years the majority of the historic buildings were vacant and many were falling down. With the public-private partnership between the City of Lawrence, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, and our development team, we were able to save the historic buildings injecting over \$15,000,000 and creating over 15 permanent jobs and counting.

Despite winning multiple statewide and national awards (including 2013 National Development of the Year for Community Impact from Novogradac), the development of the Warehouse Arts District has only begun. We estimate a total of \$70,000,000 of development will occur in the area. However, in order to build upon our successes and complete the potential we need accessibility and vibrancy. We believe this multi-use path connecting the Burroughs Creek trail is a critical piece of this puzzle.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way.

Bests always,

*Tony Krsnich*

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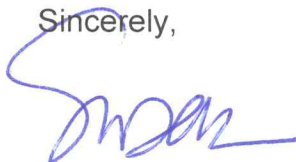
Dear Mayor Dever:

The Lawrence Arts Center strongly supports efforts by the City of Lawrence to create a new multi-use path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park. The proposed route would improve options for walking and biking between important historic, educational, artistic, and natural nodes in this area. The extended Burroughs Creek Trail will connect historic Hobbs Park in the newly designated Cultural District to Constant Park in the Pinckney neighborhood.

The proposed multi-use path complements the goals of creative placemaking embraced by the Arts Center and now the City, encouraging users of all abilities and modes (walking, biking, using wheelchairs or using assistive devices for balance and mobility) to get out to enjoy public visual and performing arts and other cultural opportunities.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Susan Tate  
Chief Executive Officer





Mayor Michael Dever  
City of Lawrence  
6 East 6th Street  
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January 14, 2014

Dear Mayor Dever:

LiveWell Lawrence strongly supports efforts by the City of Lawrence to create a new multi-use path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park. The proposed route would increase transportation options for both pedestrian and bicyclists by extending the Burroughs Creek Trail to connect historic Hobbs Park in the East Lawrence neighborhood through downtown Lawrence to Constant Park in the Pinckney neighborhood.

LiveWell Lawrence is a coalition of more than 100 community wellness champions, both individual citizens and representatives of organizations, who are working to make it easier for Douglas County residents to eat healthy foods, be physically active and live tobacco free. One of the goals of LiveWell Lawrence is to create an environment and culture, through policy and systems change, that makes physical activity easier and more rewarding for people of all ages and abilities.

The proposed multi-use path complements the goals of LiveWell in the following ways:

- The concrete surface and width of the multi-use path would accommodate users of all abilities and modes (walking, biking, using wheelchairs or using assistive devices for balance and mobility).
- The multi-use path would provide a safe running and walking surface for neighborhood children living within the New York Elementary School and Pinckney Elementary School boundaries.
- The multi-use path would provide convenient and comfortable access to walking and exercise by workers, including LiveWell Lawrence coalition employer-members such as Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center and Health Care Access Clinic.
- This multi-use path would improve pedestrian and bicycling access to several community assets that support health and wellness in Douglas County, including Heartland Community Health Center, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Lawrence Memorial Hospital and Health Care Access Clinic.

For these reasons, LiveWell Lawrence strongly supports the City of Lawrence grant application. Thank you for considering this project and for helping Kansas communities increase transportation options for both pedestrian and bicyclists.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Johnson  
Chair

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Nikki White  
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Susan Johnson  
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Mayor Michael Dever  
City of Lawrence  
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February 3, 2014

Dear Mayor Dever:

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department strongly supports efforts by the City of Lawrence to create a new multi-use path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park. The proposed route would increase transportation options for both pedestrians and bicyclists by extending the Burroughs Creek Trail to connect historic Hobbs Park in the East Lawrence neighborhood through downtown Lawrence to Constant Park in the Pinckney neighborhood.

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department makes every effort to mobilize the community to work together to improve health for all, promote wellness and encourage prevention. The 2013 strategic plan of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department includes the following goals related to the proposed multi-use path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park:

- Support broad, community engagement in the Douglas County Community Health Plan
- Collaborate in the adoption of strategies contained in the Community Health Plan
- Promote adoption of evidence-based strategies to improve population health

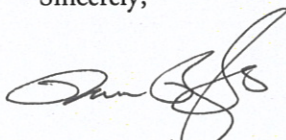
The proposed Hobbs Park to Constant Park connection demonstrates significant collaboration between community institutions and aligns with the following opportunities for community action identified in the Douglas County Community Health Plan:

- Expand and promote increased availability and use of active transportation networks, including development of safe routes for biking and walking to school and other destinations
- Create/improve sidewalks and trail infrastructure
- Assure public recreation facilities are ADA compliant

Furthermore, creating or enhancing access to places for physical activity, such as walking trails, was identified as an effective strategy to get people to exercise more, according to a systematic review of 10 studies by the Community Preventive Services Task Force, a national initiative coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For these reasons, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department strongly supports the City of Lawrence grant application. Thank you for considering this project and for helping Lawrence increase transportation options for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Sincerely,



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Mayor Michael Dever  
City of Lawrence  
6 East 6th Street  
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044

February 3, 2014

Dear Mayor Dever:

Dads of Douglas County strongly supports efforts by the City of Lawrence to create a new multi-use path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park. The proposed route would increase transportation options for both pedestrians and bicyclists by extending the Burroughs Creek Trail to connect historic Hobbs Park in the East Lawrence neighborhood through downtown Lawrence to Constant Park in the Pinckney neighborhood.

Dads of Douglas County is a nonprofit comprised of men and women dedicated to encouraging and promoting father involvement in the lives of children in the community. Dads of Douglas County engages in the following categories of activities:

- Affirm the importance of fatherhood to the community
- Build the social and institutional infrastructure to promote male involvement in children's lives
- Support men in their roles as fathers, grandfathers, caregivers and male mentors

The proposed Hobbs Park to Constant Park connection would provide significant access to recreational opportunities for children, families and the community. Dads of Douglas County would utilize the trail for educational programming and other activities that support healthy development of children and families.

For these reasons, Dads of Douglas County strongly supports the City of Lawrence grant application. Thank you for considering this project and for helping Lawrence increase transportation options for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Sincerely,

Charlie Bryan  
Chairperson

Loving and nurturing fathers are good for children, families and communities.



## Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

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January 26, 2014

Lawrence City Commissioners and Kansas Department of Transportation:

The Brook Creek Neighborhood Association enthusiastically supports the extension of the Burroughs Creek Trail from where it currently ends at 11<sup>th</sup> and Delaware Streets in East Lawrence to Downtown Lawrence and Constant Park west of City Hall.

The Brook Creek Neighborhood, along with the Barker and East Lawrence Neighborhoods, initiated the Burroughs Creek Trail in 2004. Since its development, the existing Burroughs Creek Trail has been a tremendous recreational and transportation amenity for Brook Creek Neighborhood residents. The trail and park have played an important role in attracting new investment and redevelopment to the neighborhood, and extension of the trail network will encourage the continuation of this trend.

The Burroughs Creek Plan calls for extending the trail north of 11<sup>th</sup> & Delaware through Hobbs Park to downtown Lawrence. The extension of the trail network to downtown will improve neighborhood residents' safe access to recreation, jobs, and services. We expect further development of the city's trail system to extend east into the Brook Creek Neighborhood in 2014 with a new park land donation to the City as part of a new residential development. It will connect East Lawrence and the Burroughs Creek Trail to Brook Creek Park and other Brook Creek recreational areas.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Andrea Repinsky

President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association



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January 31, 2014

Mayor Mike Dever  
City of Lawrence  
PO Box 708  
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The Douglas County Commission, as a joint applicant with City of Lawrence, fully supports the grant application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

As proposed, the project will connect the East Lawrence neighborhood to Downtown, providing a pedestrian route to the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. The proposed route will also connect the Arts District to Downtown, further enhancing the pedestrian connectivity of Lawrence.

It is in the interest of the public health to have a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community. This project builds upon the community's growing commitment to creating a healthier built environment for its citizens. Additionally, this project has the added benefits of providing erosion control underneath the Kansas River bridges and increasing traffic through Robinson Park and Pioneer Monument which helps to prevent vandalism and littering. For these reasons, the Douglas County Commission supports the City of Lawrence's application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

Sincerely,

Nancy Thellman  
Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

# East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

To: Kansas Dept of Transportation  
c/o David Cronin, City Engineer  
Mayor Dever  
PO Box 708,  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: KDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant / Burroughs Creek Trail Expansion

To Whom it may concern,

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly supports the City of Lawrence's application for the Multi-Use Path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park.

The expansion of the Burroughs Creek trail further to the north, connecting Hobbs Park, nearby New York Elementary school, the Amtrak station, Vango Mobile Arts, the Kansas River, Downtown Lawrence, the Pinkney neighborhood, and Constant Park, would be of great benefit to our children, visitors, bicycle commuters, and the entire Lawrence community.

New York Elementary attendees already use the existing trail for safely travel to our neighborhood school. Extending the path along the current alignment would allow students to get much closer while avoiding multiple street crossings. It also allows families a safe and healthy travel alternative for family outings to the public library, public pool, post office, businesses, community buildings, museums, and multiple parks. It is healthier way to get downtown and it reduces parking congestion.

It is important to note that this investment would significantly increase the value of already multiuse paths by connecting people with places they want to go.

The neighborhood is excited to see the trail safely connect multiple neighborhoods to the downtown area - as well as providing a beautiful route to New York Elementary School, local area businesses, the Kansas River, Lawrence's Cultural Arts District and multiple parks. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly encourages the funding of the City of Lawrence's application request.

Thank you,  
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January 31, 2014

Dear Mayor Dever:

The recently established Cultural Arts District supports efforts by the City of Lawrence to continue the Burrough's Creek Trail (multi-use path) from Hobbs Park bordering the East Lawrence and Brooke Creek neighborhoods through Downtown Lawrence connecting it to the Pickney neighborhood.

The Cultural Arts Task Force defined as one of its' major goals to be the establishment of this trail extension because the trail will provide an opportunity to tie together many different cultural sites of our newly established cultural district while providing a means of transportation and recreation for our citizens.

The trail ties together the historical sites of Hobbs Park, the Murphy-Bromelsick House, the Sante Fe Station, the Bowersock Dam and Hydro-electric plant, Robinson Park and Constant Park. The Task Force envisions substantial art work, markers, and artistic amenities placed along the pathway thereby enhancing the cultural district's theme.

Thanks for the opportunity allowing the Cultural Arts District Task Force to support the City of Lawrence T.A. grant application offered through Kansas Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Bob Schumm  
Chair  
Cultural Arts District Task Force



## **PINCKNEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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February 2, 2014

The Honorable Michael Dever, Mayor  
Lawrence City Commission  
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Lawrence KS 66044

Re: Burroughs Creek Trail Extension

Dear Mayor Dever and members of the City Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Pinckney Neighborhood Association to express our strong support for an extension of the Burroughs Creek Trail system connecting Hobbs Park to Constant Park in Lawrence, Kansas. Constant Park sits at the eastern edge of our neighborhood and close to Lawrence's downtown. A walking and bicycle path connecting the Pinckney neighborhood to the Burroughs Creek Trail at Hobbs Park will allow our residents to more easily and safely access the new Lawrence Arts District and other downtown Lawrence's amenities.

The extension of the path up to the Pinckney neighborhood will also have added health and recreation benefits by providing Pinckney and other north-side Lawrence neighborhoods access to Lawrence's growing multi-use trail system. This trail extension will also provide other Lawrence residents better access to parks in the Pinckney neighborhood, including Burcham Park and the new ADA compliant Outside for a Better Inside Nature Trail being constructed on the former VFW property.

Pinckney neighborhood is host to the local hospital, the mental health clinic, a no-cost health clinic, and many other medical service providers and local businesses. Our built environment, however, does not provide convenient and safe pedestrian or bicycle access for Lawrence residents between the Pinckney area and eastern Lawrence. Construction of this proposed path will address this transportation problem and will enhance the lives of our residents.

Mayor Dever  
February 2, 2014  
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For the reasons discussed above, the Pinckney Neighborhood Association strongly supports the collaborative efforts of the City of Lawrence and the Kansas Department of Transportation to extend the Burroughs Creek multi-use trail from the Hobbs Park area to Constant Park.

Sincerely,

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President, PNA

cc: Mike Myers