

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION: Public comment will be taken for each regular agenda item as each item is discussed. Individuals will be limited to one comment per agenda item.

Individuals are asked to come to the microphone, sign in, and state their name. We ask that you sign in so that we can get the spelling of your name correct in the minutes of the meeting. Speakers should address all comments/questions to the Commission.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

4:00 p.m. - WORK SESSION

- (1) [Crisis Center Operational Planning \(Bob Tryanski\)](#)

5:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING

- [Proclamation for "Emergency Medical Services Week" \(Shaun Coffey\)](#)
- [Proclamation for "2019 National Preservation Month" \(Jan Shupert-Arick\)](#)
- [Proclamation on "Climate Change-The Future is in our Hands" \(Jasmin Moore\)](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1)
 - (a) Consider approval of Commission Orders;
 - (b) [Consider approval of a Countywide Open Space Plan Project Charter \(Helen Schnoes\);](#)
 - (c) [Consider authorization to solicit bids for E 1750 Road improvements from Route 12 to NE corner of Baldwin City limits, DGCO Project No. 2019-12 \(Keith Browning\);](#)
 - (d) Consider approval of the minutes for April 24, 2019; and
 - (e) Accounts payable

REGULAR AGENDA

- (2) [Determine 2020 road maintenance budget for the Hesper CRID \(Keith Browning\)](#)
- (3) [Overview of the Heritage Conservation Council's work and next steps for desired outcomes \(Jan Shupert-Arick\)](#)
- (4) [2019 Natural & Cultural Grant Recommendations \(Jan Shupert-Arick\)](#)
- (5) Appointments:
 - Community Corrections Board Advisory Board (1) position open (Social Services)
 - Douglas County Food Policy Council (2) positions open (Local food system/Ag Producer)
 - Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council (2) positions (Archaeologist/Architect)
 - JAAA Advisory Council (2) position
 - JAAA Board of Directors (1) positions
 - Lawrence-Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging (10) open positions
- (6) General Public Comment

General Public Comment will be at the end of each meeting with a limit of one comment per person and keep their comments brief. Individuals may not give unused time to other speakers. As a general practice, the Commission will not discuss/debate these items, nor will the Commission make decisions on items presented during this time, rather they will refer the items to staff for follow up, if necessary.
- (7) Committee Reports
- (8) Commissioner and/or Administrator Miscellaneous
- (9) Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019-light

4:00 p.m. – WORK SESSION

-Lawrence Community Shelter (Erika Dvorske)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019 – cancelled

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019

4:00 p.m. – WORK SESSION

-Planning for Zero Suicide Initiative and Prevention

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2019

WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2019

4:00 p.m. – WORK SESSION

-Budget

5:30 p.m. – REGULAR MEETING

-Receive recommendations from the Public Incentives Review Committee (PIRC) and consider approving an amendment to the 826 Pennsylvania Street NRA Plan, adopted November 15, 2016 by Ordinance No. 9304, clarifying administration and compliance requirements for affordable housing. (Brigg Crum-Cano)

WEDNESDAY, June 26, 2019

No Work Session

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

-Proclamation for “First Responders Appreciation Month”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019- cancelled

***Note:** The Douglas County Commission meets regularly on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., and at 4:00 p.m. for Work Sessions as needed. Meetings are held at the Douglas County Courthouse (2nd Floor) at 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. Specific regular meeting dates that are not listed above have not been cancelled unless specifically noted on this schedule.*

Crisis Intervention Center on the Douglas County Recovery Campus

LMH Health Project Management

Proposal:

LMH Health will contract with Douglas County to provide Project Management Services and leadership for the development of the Crisis Intervention Center on the Douglas County Recovery Campus. In this role, LMH will provide a dedicated Project Manager, Project Coordinator, and Project Assistant. Additionally LMH has identified over 15 content experts from clinical and technical areas that will support the development of the Crisis Intervention Center (CIC) project in collaboration with community agency partner representatives. This team's expertise includes behavioral health clinicians, accounting, compliance, regulatory issues, legal, revenue cycle, admissions, supply chain, human resources, facility design, maintenance, environmental services and other areas.

LMH Project Management Team:

Project Manager – Derrick Hurst

The project will be led by Derrick Hurst who has a strong familiarity with the LMH Health Team and, more importantly, with the other agencies involved in the development and operation of the CIC. His responsibilities will include:

- Manage Project Timeline and deliverables
- Coordinate and facilitate all Implementation Team meetings
- Communicate & coordinate with Implementation Team, Sub-groups, & Crisis Ctr. Consultation team
- Manage relationships with county and BHLC partners
- Community engagement/coordination as directed by Implementation Team
- Communication of necessary information across project
- Coordinate outside expertise/consultation as identified

Project Coordinator and Facility Design Lead – Karen Shumate

LMH Health will bring Karen Shumate on to our team on a contracted basis. Karen has extensive knowledge of the community and LMH health and is an excellent resource for overall project support, management systems, compliance and regulatory matters, and facility project representation. Karen is already contracted by LMH Health to provide leadership in the behavioral/mental health arena coordinating the work of several communitywide committees. In her capacity with this project, Karen will work closely with, and report to, Derrick Hurst on a variety of areas - primarily focusing on the facility design and construction management aspects. Her duties will include the following

- Support Crisis Consultation team
- Provide guidance and support to the Project Director
- Negotiate contracts with Content Experts as identified.
- Coordinate and facilitate design/architect meetings
- Work with the construction and design team (as well as any Owners Representative the County engages) to ensure the project construction phase is proceeding smoothly
- Co-facilitate Implementation meetings and provide support to all teams as required to communicate information across project teams

Project Assistant- Sarah Robertson

Administrative Assistance for the Project Management team will be provided by Sarah Robertson. Sarah has previous experience with project and communication management and strong organizational skills that will be an asset to the Project Management process. Her duties will include:

- Coordination and communication of meeting scheduling
- Preparation and distribution of all meeting agendas/minutes
- Maintenance of project management dashboard/assignments/agreements

Other Key Staff Support

Other significant support staff from LMH health include clinical expertise, accounting, revenue cycle, compliance, risk management, quality and safety, supply chain, and support services including nutrition and environmental services.

Consultation Services:

CXNS Health Strategies

The CIC Consultation Team recognizes that outside expertise may be necessary from time to time in key areas where technical knowledge and experience are needed. The team has identified the CXNS Health Strategies as a potential partner for consultation during the development process. CXNS Health Strategies proposed a 2 phase consultation opportunity. The scope of work agreement with CXNS includes an initial on-sight informational gathering and vision development phase as well as ongoing consultation services. Costs of this Consultation service are summarized in the Terms section of this document. A complete record of the contracted services and costs can be found in the CXNS Contract and Scope of Work Documents upon request.

Future Consultant Services:

LMH Health will coordinate Consultation Services with identified content experts as the need is identified by the work groups and provide this information and recommendations to the County for approval.

Terms:

The project timeline's start date is projected for June of 2019. The costs are projected based on an estimation of a 30 month timeline. All costs for the project team are based on actual and known costs for the team members involved. The costs for LMH Health staff include a 10% overhead allocation. The contracted costs for Karen Shumate are a direct pass-through under the terms of a separate contract with her. Consultation costs for CXNS services are indicated per the current contract and agreed scope of work. Any future/additional expert consultation services and resulting costs may be presented to the County for approval.

With the team involved, we estimate an average of 80 hours of LMH staff time per month as a baseline projection for meeting facilitation and participation, prep work, and project deliverable development. In addition, Karen Shumate would provide additional time under her contract. The cost of CXNS Health Strategies consultation is estimated to be \$53,000 in 2019 and \$54,000 in 2020. The total cost to the county for

comprehensive Project Management by LMH Health including the CXNS Consultation is projected as follows:

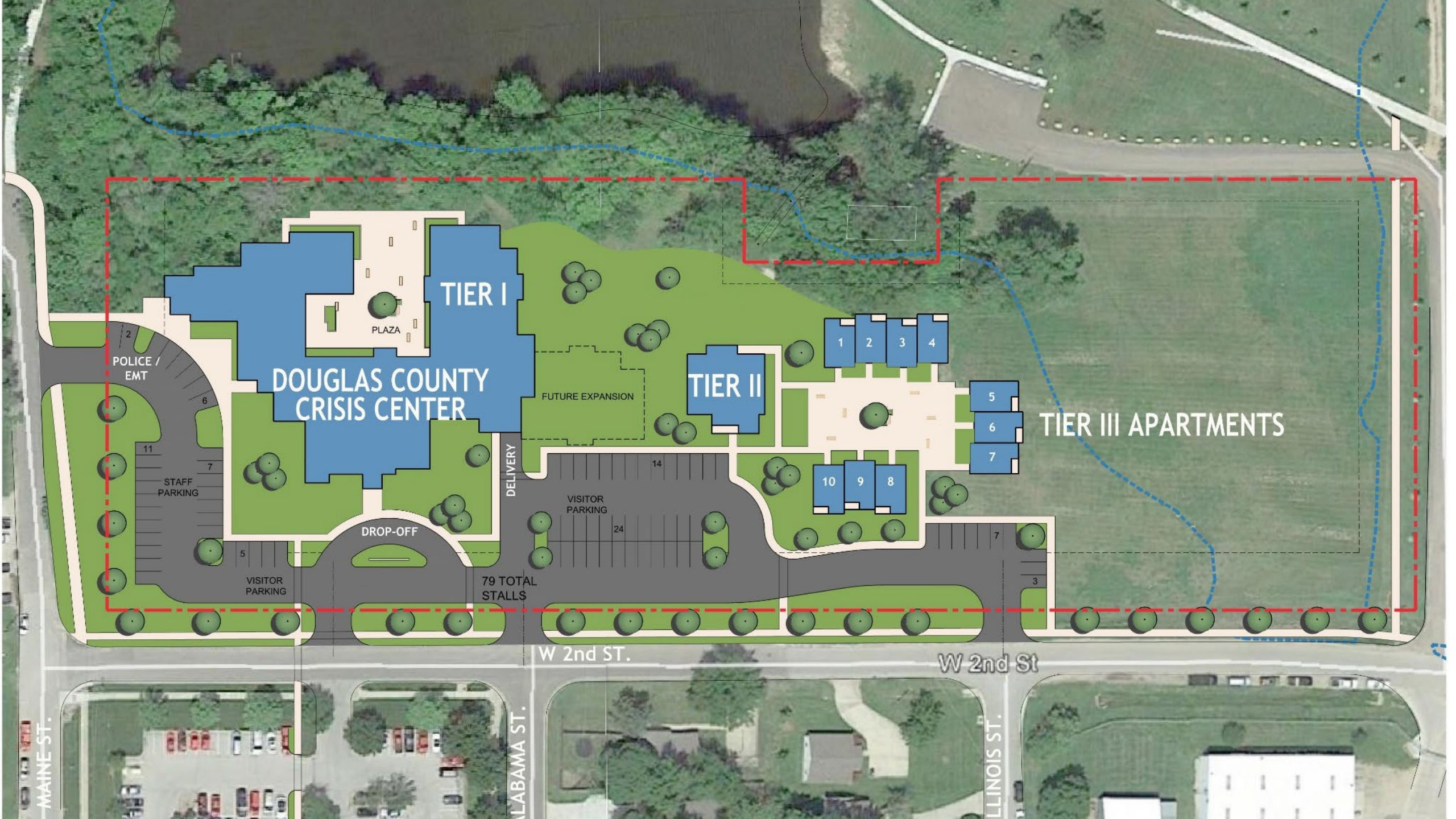
	Total Projected County Cost (not to exceed)	CXNS Consultation Projected Costs	Hospital Project Management Projected Costs
2019	\$125,000	\$53,000	\$72,000
2020	\$180,000	\$54,000	\$126,000
2021(projected)	\$10,000/mo.	TBD	TBD

At the end of each 6 month period, we will adjust hours if needed going forward upon mutual agreement with the County.

New Directions in Behavioral Health

Crisis Center Development Plan





TIER I

DOUGLAS COUNTY
CRISIS CENTER

PLAZA

FUTURE EXPANSION

TIER II

TIER III APARTMENTS

POLICE /
EMT

STAFF
PARKING

VISITOR
PARKING

DROP-OFF

DELIVERY

VISITOR
PARKING

79 TOTAL
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BHLC Crisis Center development proposal

May 15, 2019

LMH Health Project Management

Guiding Principles

- ❖ **Transparency** – This project involves public funding and community interests. We will be open about the process and critical decision points along the way.
- ❖ **Inclusion & Collaboration** – Success of the center will require a team effort. We will include the voice and input of all key stakeholders.
- ❖ **Timely** – We understand that the public has taken a strong interest in this project and expects results. We will guide the process and timeline.
- ❖ **Respect** – Not everyone is going to be in agreement on every aspect of this work. We will support a collegial, cordial and team-oriented culture.
- ❖ **Communication** – There are many constituents involved in this project with a “need to know”. We will provide regular, accurate and open communication.

Project Management Proposal

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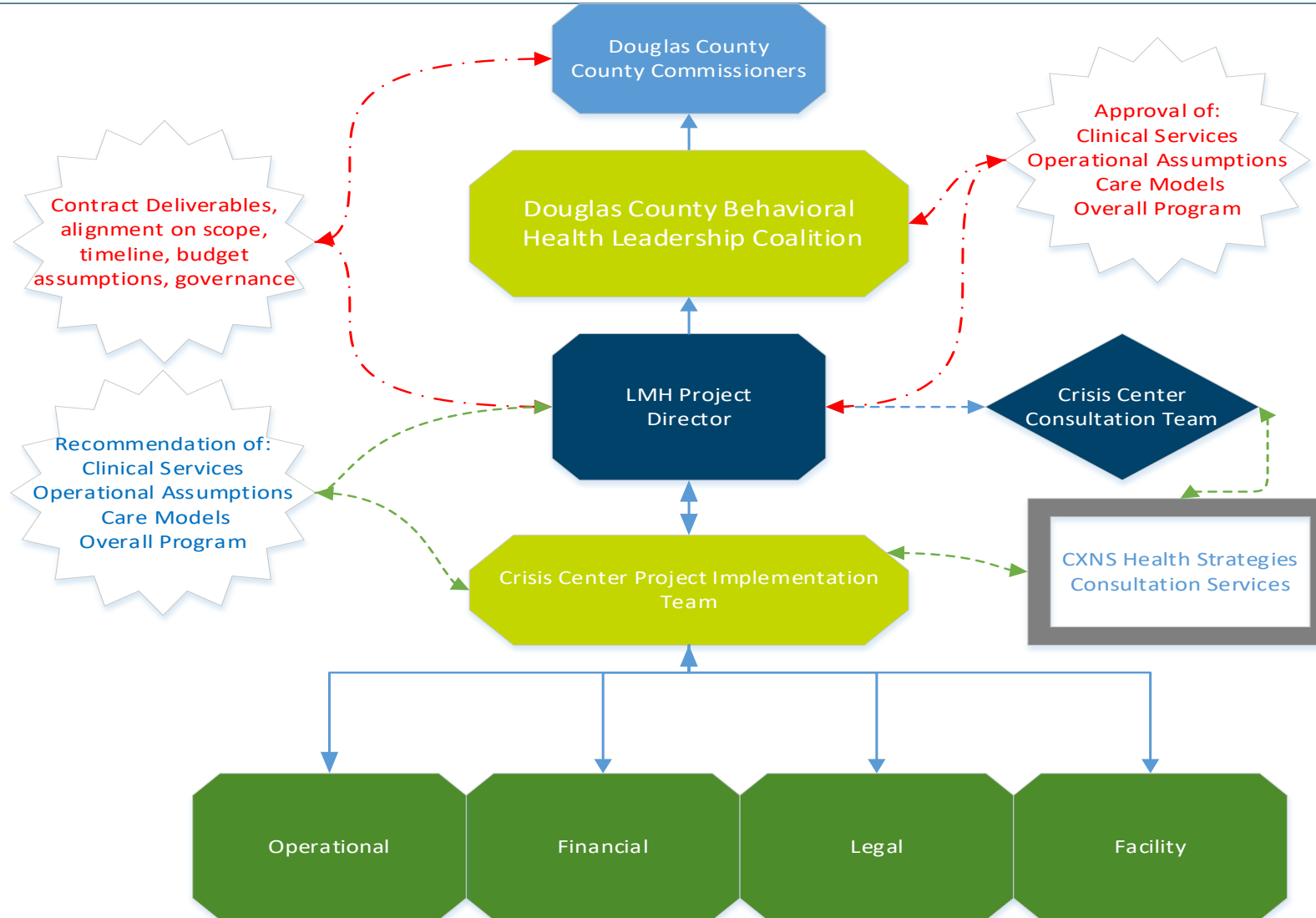
LMH Project Management Team:

- *Project Director – Derrick Hurst*
- *Project Coordinator and Facility Design Lead – Karen Shumate*
- *Project Assistant- Sarah Robertson*
- *Other Key Staff Support*

CXNS Health Strategies Consultation

- Phase I Consultation- 2019
- Phase II Consultation option- 2020

Planning Project Design



BHLC partner's projected service focus-

- **Triage/Crisis Intake-**
Bert Nash, LMH, DCCCA
- **23 hr. Observation-**
Bert Nash
- **Crisis Stabilization-**
Bert Nash, LMH
- **Social Detox-**
DCCCA, HCMHC, LMH
- **Care Coordination-**
Heartland RADAC, HCMHC

LMH Health

- Questions?
- Project Director Contact info:
 - Derrick Hurst, LSCSW derrick.hurst@lmh.org 785.505.5430

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Office of the County Commission

PROCLAMATION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

MAY 19-25, 2019

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service and the members of emergency medical teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others and approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Emergency Medical Service teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals and it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioner of Douglas County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 – 25, 2019, as **Emergency Medical Services Week** in Douglas County and encourage all residents to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS**

Michelle Derusseau, Chairman

Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair

Nancy Thellman, Member



Office of the County Commission

P R O C L A M A T I O N
NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH
MAY 2019

WHEREAS, in 1971 the National Trust for Historic Preservation created National Preservation Month to highlight preservation efforts across the United States, Douglas County recognizes that historic preservation is an effective tool for economic development, sustainable development, and heritage tourism development while enhancing local pride and livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that have shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Kansas, has recognized the importance of cultural resources protection by establishing the Heritage Conservation Council and the Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant program;

WHEREAS, Douglas County acknowledges the leadership role of the Heritage Conservation Council in promoting the conservation of the county's cultural heritage through the on-going surveying of historic resources within Douglas County's nine townships, which will be fully completed in 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, hereby proclaim May 2019 as “**NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH**” in Douglas County.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2019.

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PROCLAMATION

CLIMATE CHANGE THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

MAY 15, 2019

WHEREAS, climate change is a significant threat to our economy, environment, and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is already experiencing increased extreme weather conditions like extreme flooding and heat as a result of climate change; and

WHEREAS, combating climate change requires an inter-generational approach; and

WHEREAS, the youth of our community will be most impacted by climate change; and

WHEREAS, the arts play an essential role in educating and engaging audiences in important conversations that lead to behavior change.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, formally recognizes the artists who contributed to the Climate Change: The Future is Our Hands exhibit, Abby Brown, Addie Thornsby, Alice Lubin Meyer, Caitlynn Kliem, Frankie Balzer, Hope Gaines, Izzy Hedges, Journee Matter, Julia Rossillon, Leslie Ostronic, Liam Sheeley, Malka Hampton, Olivia Percich, Olivia Petry, Sierra Ashenfelter, Symon Knox, and Xavier Watson. The Commission urges the residents of Douglas County to come experience the powerful work of these artists, which will be on display through the end of May on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2019. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Helen Schnoes
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Systems Planner, AICP

Memo to: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Sarah Plinsky, Interim County Administrator

From: Helen Schnoes, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner

Subject: Countywide Open Space Plan Project Charter

Date: May 9, 2019

On February 20, 2019 the Commission directed Sustainability staff to prepare a project charter draft as a suggested framework to create an Open Space Plan for Douglas County. Sustainability staff presented such a document for the Commission at its May 1, 2019 Study Session. Based upon that conversation, the final draft Project Charter is presented for Commission approval.

The purpose of the project charter is to establish shared understanding and expectations for the County, municipalities, community partners, businesses, landowners and residents about the high-level process overview related to developing an Open Space Plan. The main components of the project charter are:

- Purpose
- Open Space Definitions
- Project Background
- Process Overview, including Phases, Roles, and Key Tasks
- Project Funding Scenarios

In approving this project charter, the County Commission signifies its support for the general project purpose and process outline, acknowledging that the details will evolve—especially as more intentional and diverse community engagement unfolds to shape the process and plan.

Sustainability staff will lead the commencement of Phase I Project Initiation key tasks should the Commission approve the project charter.

Recommended Action: Approve Open Space Plan project charter.

Douglas County Kansas Open Space Plan Project Charter

Purpose

This project charter provides a guiding framework to create an Open Space Plan for Douglas County, Kansas. It establishes shared understanding and expectations for the county, municipalities, community partners, businesses, and residents. In approving this project charter the County Commission signifies its support for the general project purpose and process outline, acknowledging that the details will evolve.

What Is Open Space?

This charter uses the definitions of open space established through previous local community-driven planning processes. This intentionally-broad shared starting point can be refined as necessary going forward. See Addendum A for full summary of definitions from Horizon 2020, ECO², and Plan 2040.

Common elements of open space include: scenic areas, passive recreation areas including trails, buffers between land uses and along water ways, environmentally sensitive / ecologically significant areas (native prairies, mature forest, wetlands, and wildlife habitat), agricultural lands, and historic sites.

What Is an Open Space Plan?

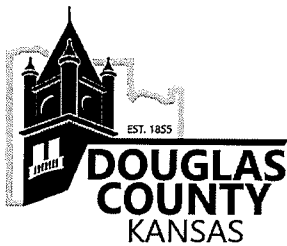
A Douglas County Open Space Plan would provide a new tool for the county government to intentionally work with public, private, and community partners on shared priorities. As a strategic multiyear framework for implementing the vision and goals of adopted comprehensive plans, it includes:

1. **Setting shared community vision and priority outcomes** by reviewing community plans, existing assets, and conducting an inclusive and transparent engagement process
2. **Conducting geospatial analysis** of county landscapes to identify target conservation areas
3. **Identifying funding needs and sources for implementation**, such as county/municipal budget allocation, grants, and creative partnership fundraising for collective endeavors
4. **Suggesting regulatory/operational changes**, such as zoning codes and departmental structure
5. **Establishing a sustainable framework for on-going cooperation and coordination** among local governments, public agencies, county residents, businesses, and community organizations

Why Does Douglas County Need an Open Space Plan?

Open space planning at a county scale can provide numerous benefits to a community. Past efforts by Douglas County governments and residents towards this end (see Addenda A, D) identified the following positive outcomes enhanced by open space:

- **Promote high quality of life**, including recreational opportunities for healthy, active lifestyles
- **Control flood damage**, decrease costs, increase storm water/floodwater management abilities
- **Maintain rural character**, thriving agricultural sectors, and scenic views
- **Enhance overall ecological integrity**, preserve native landscapes and improve wildlife habitat
- **Preserve community history** and ensure intergenerational legacy of place, landscape



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Keith A. Browning, P.E.
Director of Public Works/County Engineer

MEMORANDUM

To : Board of County Commissioners

From : Keith A. Browning, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer *KAB*

Date : May 7, 2019

Re : Consent Agenda authorization to solicit bids
E 1750 Road improvements from Route 12 to NE corner of Baldwin City limits
DGCO Project No. 2019-12

In January 2018 the BoCC entered into an agreement with Baldwin City and Palmyra Township for a project to improve E 1750 Road (N. 1st St. in Baldwin City) from Route 12 (N 400 Road) to the northeast corner of the Baldwin City limits. The purpose of the project is to convert the existing gravel surfaced road that is maintained by Palmyra Township to a paved road that will be maintained by Baldwin City.

The agreement stipulates an allocation of total project costs as follows: Douglas County 35%, Baldwin City 55%, Palmyra Township 10%. Baldwin City has formed a benefit district of city residents to recoup 20% of total project costs, leaving Baldwin City at large with an ultimate cost share responsibility of 35%. Total project costs include costs for rights-of-way and easements acquisition, utility relocations, construction, and construction engineering.

This department is finalizing construction plans for the project and arranging for utility relocations. Necessary rights-of-way and easements have been acquired for portions of the project in the unincorporated area, and Baldwin City is nearing completion of easements acquisition for properties within the city limits.

We plan to open bids for construction in early-June, and plan for construction to begin in July. We estimate construction costs to be approximately \$430,000. Adequate funds are allocated in the CIP for this project.

Action Required: Consent Agenda authorization to solicit bids for Project No. 2019-12, E 1750 Road improvements from Route 12 to the northeast corner of the Baldwin City limits.

This project responds to enduring community interest in open space, and important momentum built in recent years across Douglas County government, municipalities, community organizations, landowners, and residents. With strong support in comprehensive plans, the County recognizes its role as a convener to initiate a broad, inclusive, and holistic community conversation to honor past work and seize current energy to develop a shared strategy for coordinated action. Past community-led open space efforts (Addendum D) provide important lessons learned concerning implementation challenges.

In line with best practice, an Open Space Plan will establish a programmatic and policy blueprint and action steps for realistic project implementation and coordination—linking high-level comprehensive plans to on-the-ground funding, regulations, and partnerships. This will expand open space options for private landowners, public agencies, and non-profits. National advancement in green infrastructure, ecosystems services, health and racial equity, and climate adaptation/resilience will be prioritized and integrated—approaches to open space preservation and planning not emphasized locally in the past.

Who Will Engage in Plan Creation?

- **Douglas County Board of County Commissioners:** Convene process; final adopting body
- **Lawrence-Douglas Co. Sustainability Office:** Project management, staff-level collaboration
- **Appointed Community Steering Committee:** Diverse mix of stakeholder groups, municipal leaders, residents, landowners, and local technical experts for process oversight and direction
- **County residents, public, private, non-profit stakeholders:** Multiple engagement occasions
- **Open Space Planning Experts:** Hired consulting team to lead plan development (Phases 4-5)

What Could the Planning Process Look Like?

A successful open space planning process should take 12-18 months. Securing funding and forming a steering committee are two necessary steps in advance of the planning process. There are six phases of work over two years, in the table below, based upon the “best case scenario” for project funding. See Addendum B for more detailed process information, and Addendum C for alternative funding scenarios.

Phase	Milestones	Timeline
Phase 1	Project Initiation	Spring – Summer 2019
Phase 2	Convene Community Steering Committee	Fall 2019
Phase 3	Develop Request for Proposals to Hire Open Space Experts	Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
Phase 4	Community Visioning and Plan Development	Spring 2020 – Fall 2020
Phase 5	Receive and Review Draft Plan	Fall 2020 – Winter 2021
Phase 6	Plan Approval and Implementation Action Strategy Launch	Spring 2021

Project Funding Best Case Scenario: Partners for Places Grant

Source	Partners for Places Grant with 1:1 match from Douglas County Community Foundation funds
Timing	Grant due July 30, 2019 for October 2019 award (Alternative: Subsequent funding cycles also anticipated in January 2020 and July 2020)
Scope	Cover full costs of external open space consultant to lead plan development. Grant application for two-year agreement. (Alternative: One-year grant award; adjust Phases/Tasks for shorter timeline)
Budget	\$100,000 - \$150,000 Range based on research of similar planning projects

Addendum A: Open Space Definitions

This charter uses the definitions of open space established through previous local community-driven planning processes. This intentionally-broad shared starting point can be refined as necessary going forward.

Community Plan	Open Space Definition
<u>Horizon 2020 (Comprehensive Plan for Lawrence-unincorporated Douglas County, adopted 1998)</u>	“Provides visual & psychological relief from the built environment; public access via trails & walkways to these areas is important to provide passive recreational opportunities where it is compatible with resource protection & environmental regulations; open space areas may or may not be improved, but can include playfields, trails, greenbelts/greenways, community gardens, farmed areas, buffers between land uses of differing intensities, such as resident & commercial or industrial activity, areas within community or neighborhood parks which are left in their natural state, & other environmentally sensitive areas.” <i>Page 9-10</i>
ECO² Plan (Framework recommended by joint Lawrence-Douglas County appointed Commission, 2003-2010)	Summarized categories identified by the Commission include: 1. Trails (recreational hiking, biking, and walking), including around rivers and forested corridors, connecting waterway/lake assets 2. Natural resources of ecological significance, including native prairie, mature forest, wetlands, riparian lands (adjacent to streams, rivers, lakes), and habitat for protected species 3. Agricultural lands, including prime areas and floodplain 4. Scenic lands with beautiful views (overlooks/view sheds) 5. Historic sites, both those listed on historic registers and those unlisted with historical attributes such as trail ruts, historic cemeteries, and historic structures. 6. Lands promoting integration, which enhance or link other significant parcels of land (adjacent to protected area, connect trails, etc.) <i>Pages 12-14</i>
<u>Plan 2040 (Updated Comprehensive Plan for Lawrence-unincorporated Douglas County, in draft review)</u>	“Open Spaces can take many forms, but generally, there are 2 types that are predominant in our community. • Active: Playgrounds, ballfields, recreation centers • Passive: Trails, nature preserves, scenic overlooks” <i>Page 67</i>

Addendum B: Project Phases and Key Tasks (Best Case Scenario)

The subsequent overview of key tasks assumes a “best case” funding scenario for launching the project in the coming months as summarized in the project charter. Alternative funding and timeline scenarios are included below in Addendum C.

Phase 1: Project Initiation (Spring – Summer 2019)

- Review draft and approve project charter
- Form project team (could include county staff and staff from municipalities or public agencies)
 - Explore interest in project co-sponsors
- Prepare and submit Partners for Places grant with Douglas County Community Foundation
- Prepare and submit Peer Learning Exchange grant for regional open space convening in fall 2019
- Create project communications and preliminary engagement plan (webpage, email list, etc.)
- Submit Sustainability Office 2020 budget funding request for alternative funding scenarios
- Conduct preliminary open space asset inventory (engage County GIS, Kansas Biological Survey, Heritage Conservation Council) and utilize data from the Kansas Historic Resources Inventory gathered by historic building surveys 2011-2019

Phase 2: Convene Community Steering Committee (Fall 2019)

- Host community learning series about open space (speaker series, tour, film, etc.)
- Review options for Steering Committee formation (role, expectations, size, sectors represented, intentional equity focus for inclusion)
- Outreach / input from community to identify interest and willingness to serve
- County Commission study session on Resolution to create Steering Committee
- Issue Resolution creating the Steering Committee
- Formally appoint Steering Committee members
- Convene early steering committee meetings, come to shared agreements
 - Facilitate shared learning about open space planning (Receive preliminary open space asset inventory, invite other community background presentations and discussions)
 - Develop list of values, principles to inform plan development and review
 - Identify working groups for focused engagement
 - Review scope for plan (what is/is not included, what success looks like, what to measure)

Phase 3: Develop Request for Proposals (Fall 2019 – Winter 2020)

- Send delegation to Colorado Open Space Association conference in September
- Receive project funding from Partners for Places grant in October
- Host Peer Learning Exchange Regional Open Space Convening
 - Johnson Co, KS; Johnson Co, IA; Columbia/Boone Co, MO; Kansas City metro region
- Identify greatest external support needs / skills for formal plan development process
- Draft Request for Proposals for professional open space planning firms
- County Commission approves RFP and it is issued
- Select consulting firm, finalize contract

Phase 4: Community Visioning and Plan Development (Spring 2020-Fall 2020)

- County Commission study session with consultant team to review plan development and community engagement work plan and discuss local open space assets, values
- Steering Committee meeting with consultant team to review plan development and community engagement work plan and discuss local open space assets, values
- Multifaceted community engagement prioritizing equitable inclusion (race, income, education, rural/urban) to create community vision and help identify priority outcomes
 - Engagement tactics may include: interactive community meetings and workshops, statistically-valid survey of county residents, stakeholder interviews, open houses, event tabling, photovoice, charrettes, story collection, focus groups, site visits, tours
- Best practice review of countywide planning for green infrastructure and climate adaptation/resilience and coordination with concurrent community climate adaptation efforts
- Asset inventory finalized, analyzed to understand ecosystem services and other cost savings from preservation in natural areas or low-impact development
- Geospatial analysis of county landscape and land use change / impact scenarios analysis to inform target conservation areas
- Recommendations drafted for priority outcomes, target conservation areas, and funding/governance framework for realistic project implementation
- Submit 2021 County budget request as appropriate to support project

Phase 5: Receive and Review Draft Plan (Fall 2020 – Winter 2021)

- Draft presented to County Commission, Steering Committee, and staff team
- Draft distributed for public comment (in-person events and digital input)
- Consultants receive comments to integrate into final draft

Phase 6: Plan Approval and Implementation Action Strategy Launch (Spring 2021)

- County Commission adopts Countywide Open Space Plan
- Incorporate by reference into Plan 2040 to support implementation
- End Steering Committee, transition to on-going open space governance framework per Plan
- Identify pilot project to advance
- Pursue other preliminary implementation steps as identified and approved
- Submit 2022 budget request to further support Plan implementation
- Pursue other external funding to support implementation with partners

Addendum C: Alternative Funding Scenarios

The best case scenario for funding the work outlined in this project charter relies on active pursuit and receipt of a two-year Partners for Places grant, through the US Sustainability Directors Network, receiving funds from the Funders' Network with a 1:1 match from Douglas County Community Foundation funds. The ideal timeline includes grant submission in July 2019 and receipt in October 2019. The same grant can also be submitted in January or July 2020. The County will pursue/consider alternative funding scenarios as necessary to ensure equitable, transparent planning process and successful project completion.

Alternative Scenario A: County Match instead of Partners for Places Grant

Do not receive Partners for Places award, pre-approved County funds from 2020 budget request replace national grant.

- **Source:** Douglas County and 1:1 match from Douglas County Community Foundation funds
- **Timing:** Timeline continues as presented for Best Case Scenario
- **Scope:** Cover full costs of external open space consultant to lead plan development. Develop agreement with DCCF for timeline of project.
- **Budget Goal:** \$100,000 - \$150,000 total

Alternative Scenario B: County-Funded Initiative

Do not submit Partners for Places grant application because local community foundation match could not be secured. County approves request from Sustainability Office for full project budget during 2020 budget process.

- **Source:** Douglas County government
- **Timing:** Timeline continues as presented for Best Case Scenario.
- **Scope:** Cover full costs of external open space consultant to lead plan development.
- **Budget Goal:** \$100,000 - \$150,000 total
 - **Alternative:** If funding is below goal, staff and Steering Committee can reassess needs and identify what components intended for external consultant support can be led by County staff and/or other community partners for no/reduced cost.

Alternative Scenario C: Identify Additional Grant, Partnership Opportunities

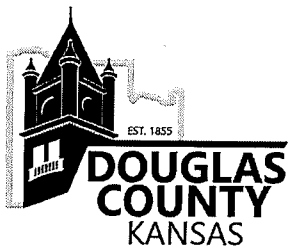
Do not submit Partners for Places grant application, or do not receive Partners for Places funding, and County does not contribute alternative funds for open space planning project.

- **Source:** To be determined
- **Timing:** Likely 1+ year delay depending on when opportunities arise; Steering Committee formation recommended still in fall 2019 to maintain momentum
- **Scope:** Identify what components intended for external consultant support can be led by County staff and/or other community partners for no/reduced cost
- **Budget Goal:** To be determined

Addendum D: Background

This project builds upon over 20 years of community discussion, visioning, collaboration, and project investment concerning the importance of open space in Douglas County. The summary below serves to provide an overview of milestones that provided foundation to this project charter's development. It does not intend to be a comprehensive review. There are numerous related elements in the comprehensive plans, parks master plans or strategies, and more recent project priorities from Lawrence, Baldwin City, Eudora, and LeCompton that demonstrate current energy for open space planning and implementation. Numerous community organizations, institutions, landowners, residents, and others have contributed time, vision, energy, and financing over the years to compel this conversation forward.

County Milestone	Timing	Open Space Connection
County acquires land as parks	- Ivan Boyd Prairie Preserve (1967) - Wells Overlook (1971)	Recreation opportunity, scenic overlook, native prairie, trail ruts
Horizon 2020 Lawrence-unincorporated Douglas County Comprehensive Plan	1998, with subsequent amendments (current comprehensive plan)	Relevant strategies, goals, and policies in Chapter 7: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space and Chapter 12: The Environment (<i>See February 20, 2019 staff report</i>)
ECO² Commission and Plan	2007, convened 2003-2010; Suggested revisiting and updating every 5 years	Presented framework for Open Space Preservation Program for acquisition of land from willing land owners in balance with industrial site development; passed state statute to allow for ballot initiative to generate necessary funds but the measure was never advanced for public vote
Heritage Conservation Council Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program and Historic Building Survey Program	2011 created following Taskforce Report; on-going to present	- Township historical resources surveys 2011 - 2019 - Key funded projects include: - Hamilton Conservation Easement - KU Biological Survey Natural Resource Inventory and community forums - Friends of the Kaw native plant restoration - Baldwin Woods Forest Preserve support
STAR Community Sustainability Rating	2016 (City of Lawrence received 4-star rating)	- Multiple best practice outcomes and actions for which Lawrence-Douglas did not receive credit, including regional parks collaboration, connectivity/restoration of natural areas, regulations for buffers around wetland/stream areas, green stormwater infrastructure, and use of native plants/wildlife habitat with public buildings, lands
Plan 2040 Updated Lawrence-unincorporated Douglas County Comprehensive Plan	2014-present (currently in draft review with the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission)	- County residents respond natural resources, parks and open space as high interest in statistically-valid survey - Chapter 7: Community Resources offers vision, goals: - Coordinated/cooperative planning/development - Innovative acquisition, preservation - System expansion along with urban growth - Improving linkages - Preserving and enhancing natural areas - Chapter 8: Tracks implementation of four action items for Parks, Recreation, & Open Space (1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 5.1)



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Director of Public Works/County Engineer

MEMORANDUM

To : Board of County Commissioners

From : Keith A. Browning, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer *KAB*

Date : May 7, 2019

Re : Determine 2020 road maintenance budget for the Hesper CRID

The BOCC created the Hesper Charter Road Improvement District (Hesper CRID) in December 2004 by Home Rule Resolution No. HR 04-12-3. The CRID includes portions of N 1100 Road, E 2300 Road and N 1137 Road, all east of Route 1061, totaling 2.81 centerline miles. The CRID made capital improvements to these roads in 2005. The improvements consisted of adding a nominal 4" crushed rock base, priming and double chip sealing the surface, and replacing crossroad culverts. CRID property owners were assessed for the cost of the capital improvements (approximately \$231,000). In addition, CRID property owners are assessed for a portion of road maintenance costs with Eudora Township (now, Douglas County) funding the remaining maintenance costs.

In January 2006, Douglas County entered into a 3-party road maintenance agreement with Eudora Township and the CRID. The road maintenance agreement established the method of determining assessments to CRID property owners for road maintenance. Under the agreement, Eudora Township was to contribute a percentage of total road maintenance revenues determined as follows: the assessed valuation of property within the CRID divided by the total assessed valuation of all property within Eudora Township. The CRID property owners are assessed for the total road maintenance budget less the percentage of township road maintenance revenues determined as indicated above. In August 2011, the BOCC determined Douglas County will assume responsibility for what would be Eudora Township's contribution under the January 2006 maintenance agreement.

In determining the annual Hesper CRID budget, the intent is to set a consistent annual budget amount that will cover anticipated costs over the next several years. Some years, the actual maintenance costs are far below the budgeted amount, and in other years maintenance expenses far exceed the budgeted amount. Attached is a spreadsheet showing previous and projected maintenance costs. Please note that in 2018, the Hesper CRID roads were patched and sealed, and significant ditch drainage improvements were done.

Since 2017, the annual maintenance budget has been set at \$52,000. The spreadsheet shows the maintenance budget remaining at \$52,000 annually from 2020 through 2029.

The second spreadsheet calculates the 2020 assessments required for each Individual Property Owner (IPO). The spreadsheet assumes a \$52,000 budget for 2020. The spreadsheet shows Douglas County (in lieu of Eudora Township) contributing \$28,455 of the total \$52,000. This leaves \$23,545 to be paid by the IPO's. There are 42 IPO's, so each would be assessed \$560.61. Last year's assessments were \$453.83 per IPO.

I recommend the BOCC set a \$52,000 total road maintenance budget for the Hesper Charter Road Improvement District for 2020.

Action Required: Determine the 2020 road maintenance budget for the Hesper Charter Road Improvement District.

Date: 4/19/2019
By: KAB

HESPER CHARTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT--2020 Budget

2020 DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROAD MAINTENANCE COSTS

Assumptions:

1. *Township performs no maintenance activities and contributes no funds towards maintenance.*
2. *County contribution towards maintenance expenses calculated as:*
(Hesper CRID valuation/Eudora Twp valuation) x Eudora Twp road budget
3. *Hesper CRID contribution equals Total Estimated Maintenance Expense less County contribuion*
4. *County forces perform all maintenance activities except chip seals.*

Hesper Improvement District total valuation (2019)*:	\$	1,256,823
Eudora Township total valuation (2019)*:	\$	19,507,617
Percentage of improvement district value to total township value:		6.44%

Township Road Fund budget, 2019**:	\$	441,653
Amount to be allocated to improvement district maintenance:	\$	28,455

Calculation of Improvement District contribution to annual maintenance expense:

Total estimated annual maintenance expense:	\$	52,000	
Improvement District assessments required:			\$ 23,545
			\$ 52,000
		Maint. Assess.	
		per IPO	
Annual maint assessment per IPO:	<u>IPO's</u> 42	\$	560.61

*values provided by DGCO Appraiser's Office

**township road fund budget provided DGCO Budget Office

HESPER CHARTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Maintenance Expense Projections

Date: 4/11/2019
By: KAB

<u>Year</u>	<u>Hesper CRID Budget</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>	<u>Actual Maintenance Costs</u>	<u>Anticipated Maintenance Costs</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2006	\$ 19,656		\$ 1,734.94		
2007	\$ 19,656		\$ 9,361.80		
2008	\$ 24,585		\$ 51,792.07		
2009	\$ 29,175		\$ 59,731.55		
2010	\$ 29,175		\$ 35,210.00		
2011	\$ 30,000		\$ 35,052.75		
2012	\$ 34,177		\$ 1,733.07		
2013	\$ 35,000		\$ 29,419.79		
2014	\$ 38,000		\$ 109,385.55		
2015	\$ 40,000		\$ 1,561.37		
2016	\$ 40,000		\$ 11,480.21		
2017*	\$ 52,000		\$ 11,592.40		
2018	\$ 52,000		\$ 157,055.33		Included \$75,377 for pavement repairs & \$20,764 for ditch work
2019	\$ 52,000				
Subtotals	\$ 495,424		\$ 515,110.83		
2019	\$ 52,000		\$ 5,000		reduced maintenance
2020	\$ 52,000		\$ 40,000		Patching + drainage improvements
2021	\$ 52,000		\$ 50,000		Patching
2022	\$ 52,000		\$ 125,000		Patch & chip seal
2023	\$ 52,000		\$ 5,000		reduced maintenance
2024	\$ 52,000		\$ 20,000		Patching
2025	\$ 52,000		\$ 50,000		Patching
2026	\$ 52,000		\$ 130,000		Patch & chip seal
2027	\$ 52,000		\$ 5,000		reduced maintenance
2028	\$ 52,000		\$ 25,000		Patching
2029	\$ 52,000				
Subtotal	\$ 572,000		\$ 455,000		
Actual expenses 2006-2018			\$ 515,111		
Anticipated expenses 2019-2029			\$ 455,000		
Total expenses 2006-2029			\$ 970,111		
Less: Budget thru 2019			\$ 495,424		
2019 thru 2029 total budget required:			\$ 474,687		
2019 thru 2029 average annual budget required:			\$ 47,469		

*Capital improvements assessment (~\$780/yr/IPO) ends in 2017



Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council 2019 Report to the Board of County Commissioners May 15, 2019



Heritage Conservation Council was created by the Commission

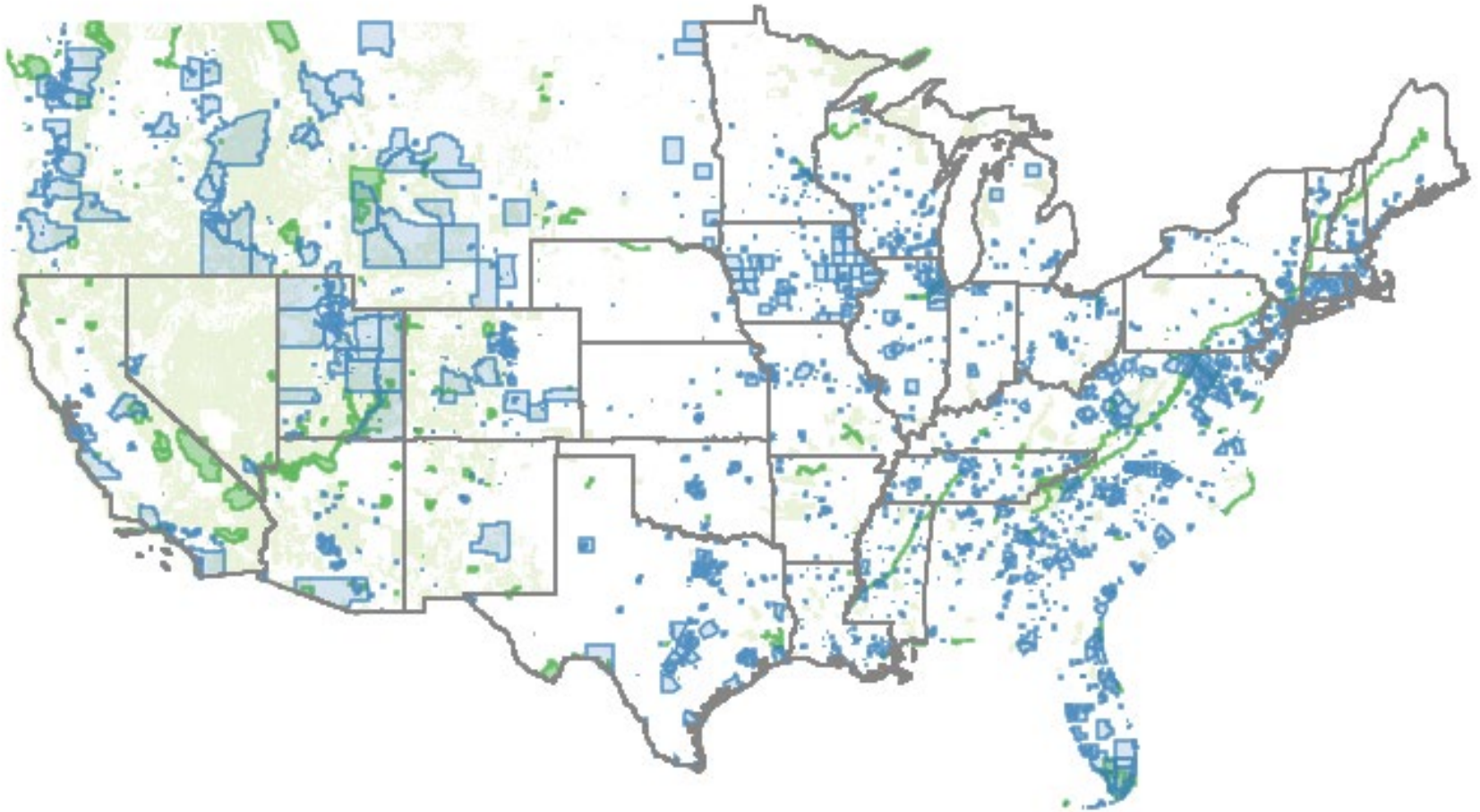
SECTION 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Council is to ensure the conservation of Douglas County's natural and cultural resources. Toward this end, the Council will administer the Douglas County Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program, monitor the ongoing inventory of natural and cultural heritage resources, pursue the designation of Douglas County as a Certified Local Government, adopt its own operational procedures, and carry out any other tasks assigned by the Douglas County Commission.

The HCC promotes the conservation of our cultural and natural heritage to honor our past, enrich our present, and inspire our future.



Douglas County – A Certified Local Government



Natural & Cultural Grant Program 2011-2019



Support of Historical Society Sites



Heritage Organizations

Black Jack Battlefield & Nature Park

Clinton Lake Historical Society

Douglas County Historical Society

Eudora Area Historical Society

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

Lecompton Historical Society

Santa Fe Trail Historical Society of Douglas County

Support of Significant Structures



Support for Local Trail and Transportation History

Santa Fe Trail



The Midland Railroad

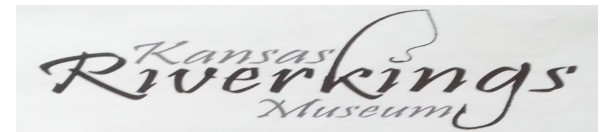
Preservation of Natural Resources



River & Water Projects



Preservation of Local Stories





Historic Building Survey Plan

Through the **Heritage Preservation Fund (HPF)** administered by the Kansas State Preservation Office in Topeka, Douglas County has applied for and received over \$67,500 in grant funds to conduct in-depth historic building surveys.

SURVEY WORK

Wakarusa Township

Eudora Township

Kanwaka Township

Grant Township

Palmyra Township

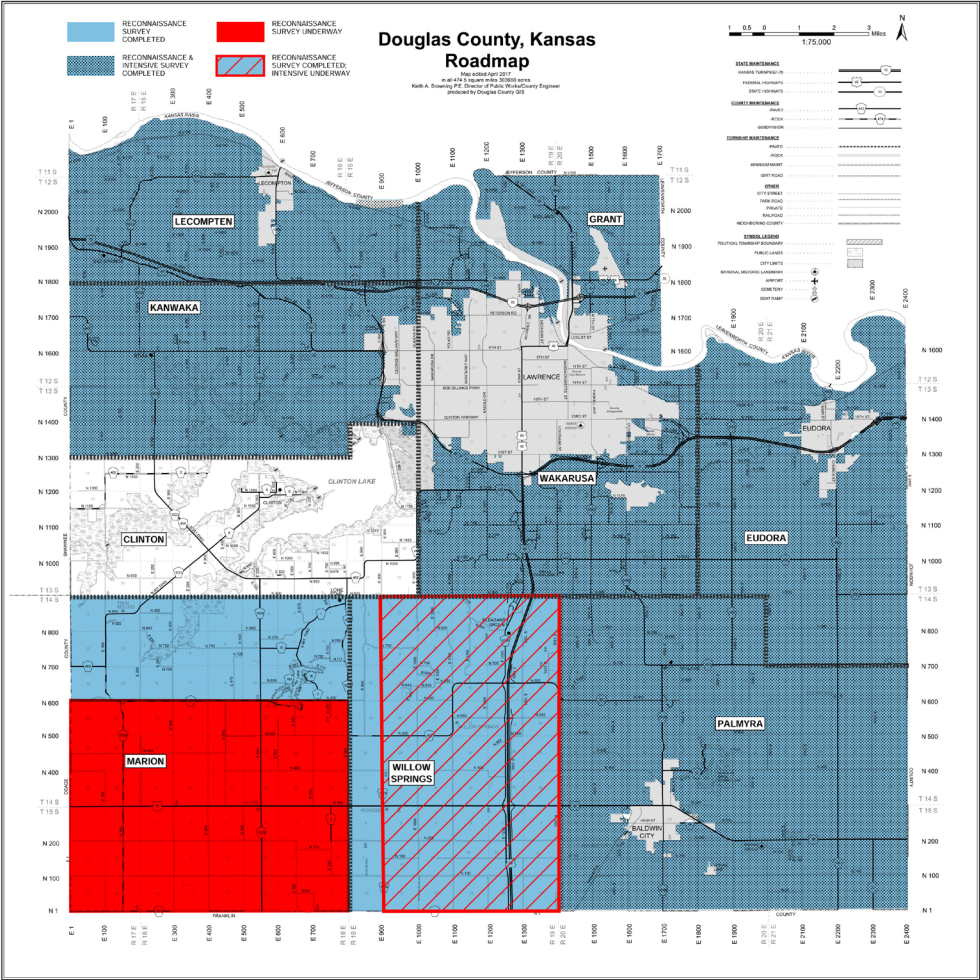
Lecompton Township

Willow Springs Township – to be completed July 2019

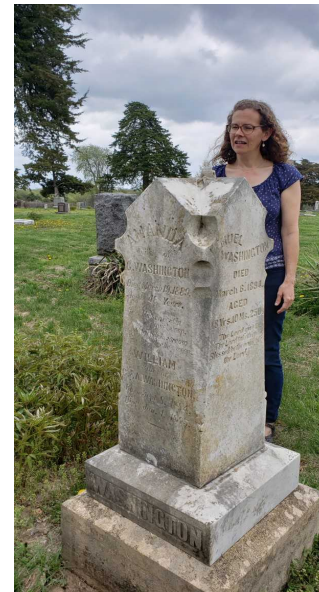
Marian Township – 2019-2020

Clinton Township – 2020-2021

Historic Building Surveys



Educational Opportunities



Next Steps for the Heritage Conservation Council



- Work to complete the survey plan for all townships in Douglas County by 2020-2021.
- Work to complete the update of the Douglas County Archaeological Study
- Use the survey data to create a county-wide preservation plan.

- The HCC will seek your approval to launch a local designation program.

- Multiple Properties Document for historic agricultural resources in Douglas County.

- The HCC is requesting the restoration of its budget to the 2018 level in order to oversee effective and meaningful grant and survey programs.

Thank
you



MEMO

Date: May 1, 2019
TO: Douglas County Commission
FROM: Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council
RE: Funding Recommendations for the 2019 Natural & Cultural Heritage Grant Program

The Heritage Conservation Council of Douglas County promotes the conservation of our cultural and natural heritage to honor our past, enrich our present, and inspire our future. The Heritage Conservation Council is recommending that nine (9) projects be funded in the 2019 round of grant awards. Collectively, these grants exemplify the mission of the Douglas County Heritage Council to conserve *both* our natural and cultural resources. Combined with the heritage grant projects funded in 2011-2018, Douglas County is harnessing a rare opportunity to weave together exceptional experiences that tell the stories of our collective past.

The Douglas County Commission created the Heritage Conservation Council to provide guidance for heritage conservation efforts in Douglas County, including the Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program.

A report submitted by the Council in January 2014 indicated that local groups who received county support from previous grant cycles raised nearly twice that much again from other funding sources by using the local funds as leverage to secure additional funding. Not only do local groups bring in additional dollars for their projects, the Council continues a partnership with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area to pass-through grants for federal matching dollars and federally funded Historic Preservation Fund grants to cover costs of the historic building intensive surveys, required CLG (Certified Local Government) training opportunities, and preservation education opportunities for the general public.

Grant applications were made available on the DC website beginning the first week in January 2019. Two grant workshops were held at the Lawrence Public Library on January 4 and January 22, 2019. All applicants met with the program coordinator on or before February 26, 2019. Upon receipt of the completed applications in mid-March, Council members read, reviewed, and systematically evaluated the applications. On March 21th and March 28th all applicants made presentations about their projects in person to the Council. On April 4th the Council met to make award recommendations. As directed by the resolution that created the Council, all decisions were made using the consensus decision making model through facilitated discussions. All meetings were open to the public. Grant projects are expected to be completed within a 24-month time period. The 2019 grant awards were reduced from 2018 due to cuts to the Heritage Conservation Council budget. No major grants were awarded. Appendix A provides a listing of the funding recommended by the HCC and includes a listing of applicants, project names, the grant amount requested, and recommended awards.

- Major Grant Category – This category was adjusted to reflect the decrease in the 2019 HCC’s budget. Range - \$40,000-\$74,000
- Target Grant Category: Up to \$39,999

2019 Applicants & Project Summaries:

1. Applicant: Baldwin City

Project Title: Baldwin City’s Pioneer Cemetery & Prairie Heritage Preservation

Requested amount: \$38,270.00

Recommended Award: \$31,750.00

GRANT AWARD CONDITION/S:

Grant funds to be used just for the restoration and resetting on the 40 most urgent tombstones. The city will work to get the cemetery listed on the National Register of Historic Places and will comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards.

Project Description:

This project seeks to reset and clean headstones as needed for the specific stone in Pioneer Cemetery as recommended by the professional contractor, Pishney Restoration Services. Due to cost this service has been broken down in to three phases, quote attached to this application. This project is also to preserve the natural prairie that exists on three sides of the cemetery. In addition, a covered shelter area will be built. This kiosk/shelter area would provide educational panels noting the history of the area and the first settlers, some of whom are buried in this cemetery. It would also

provide a panel of information about the prairie which would be provided by the Kansas Biological Survey. It is anticipated that this cemetery will be an educational destination for classroom fieldtrips, people enjoying nature and historical tourism. This area ties in well with other areas, Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, Ivan Boyd Prairie Preserve and Baker University, for historical preservation and these areas will be noted in the panels as well. Beyond the areas already mentioned are the added benefits provided by the land and prairie such as bird watching, tagging Monarch butterflies and the occasional deer.

2. Applicant: Clinton Lake Historical Society

Project Title: Digitization of the Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum Phase II

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Recommended Award: \$5,000.00

GRANT AWARD CONDITION/S:

Suggestion to consult with the Watkins Museum of History or other professional who has done oral history transcription.

Project Description:

The Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum received a HCC grant in 2018 for the digitization of the taped interviews conducted by museum founder Martha Parker in the 1970s and 1980s. CLHS is now looking at Phase II of our digitization project: transcribing the audio files for the collection, upgrading the museum computer software to allow for compatibility to Collection Software (acquired through separate grant), and purchasing supplies for presentations and educational outreach. The goal is to have a usable digital file for public use and a means to display the information in a variety of mediums. Examples of use: a full-length transcription of the oral history interview for the WRVHM collection of family histories, an audio clip embedded in website or narration to a slideshow about the Underground Railroad (UGRR).

3. Applicant: Douglas County Conservation District

Project Title: Douglas County Water Festival for Fifth Grade Students

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Recommended Award: \$5,000.00

Project Description:

A water festival is an educational, interactive, and fun event that will increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation of local water resources and issues. The Douglas County Water Festival "Our Water, Our Home", will consist of structured learning stations and

exhibits where students will actively engage in hands-on water-related activities and learn about the communities that were impacted by the building of Clinton Lake. The delivery mechanism promotes an understanding of water-related topics including: the hydrologic cycle, historic use of water, watersheds, stream formation and flow, and water availability. The Next Generation Science Standards have identified knowledge of the water cycle and water issues as important fifth grade benchmarks, so the Douglas County Water Festival will target fifth grade students throughout Douglas County. The grant request is for a two-year cycle, with evaluation after the first year and improvements incorporated for the second year.

4. Applicant: Douglas County Extension Council

Project Title: Planting Natives Education Project

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Recommended Award: \$5,000.00

Project Description:

Douglas County Extension Council (Extension) is requesting \$5,000 in funding for the Planting Natives Education Project which includes publishing *The Guide for Planting Natives in Northeast Kansas*, developing a corresponding website, and hosting educational activities demonstrating the importance of native plants. Northeast Kansas was once covered with tallgrass prairie. Due to land use changes, development, and other factors, much of that prairie has disappeared and the ecosystem services it provides have declined. Prairie holds a unique place in Kansas history and culture. To lose it completely would mean losing part of our heritage.

This project, undertaken by Extension in collaboration with the Kansas Rural Center and Grassland Heritage Foundation, will provide essential information and guidance to landowners and urban homeowners on how to reconstruct and manage prairie and garden with native plants. HCC funding will be used to publish the guide, make the guide available in print and online, and host one educational event in Douglas County with a leader in the field of prairie ecology. By reintroducing native plants to the landscape Kansans can again enjoy the benefits they provide and reconnect with a part of our prairie heritage.

5. Applicant: Eudora Area Historical Society

Project Title: Improvements at the Eudora Community Museum

Amount Requested: \$27,995.00

Recommended Award: \$6,900.00

GRANT AWARD CONDITION/S:

Eudora Area Historical Society: Grant money is to be used for the railings and gate plus the

threshold which are all safety concerns. Suggestion: Contact local master gardener's to guide and assist on rear yard.

Project Description:

The Eudora Community Museum (ECM) has a number of important improvement projects that require immediate attention and action. The Eudora Area Historical Society (EAHS), owners of the ECM, would benefit greatly from assistance from the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council for the completion of these projects. These projects include: (#1) Enhanced Security. This improvement would change the museum's locks and install an exterior video surveillance system. (#2) Landscaping improvements, to install dirt and sod over the mud in our backyard. (#3) Lighting improvements, install badly needed track-heads and LED lightbulbs in the southern portion of our second story. (#4) Window coverings, install solar shades over all 19 windows in the museum to block harmful UV rays from damaging our collections. (#5) A variety of rehabilitation projects at the museum. These projects include repairing exterior stucco, repairing a section of roof, installing metal hand-railings along our new rear ramp and stairs, installing a fencing around the accessibility deck, installing a new metal gate, replacing the deteriorated exterior sidewalk and stairs with a new concrete sidewalk and stairs, installing a smoother threshold at our front door, painting parking lines and a handicap symbol at our parking-lot, among other projects.

6. Applicant: First United Methodist Church of Lawrence, KS

Project Title: Bell Tower Restoration

Amount Requested: \$51,055.00

Recommended Award: \$28,930.00

GRANT AWARD CONDITION/S:

Grant funds to go toward restoration of the bell portion of the project only.

Project Description:

Restoration of the prominent Bell tower; including the replacement of the slate roof and metal trim, deteriorated stone, and repointing the stone with original mixture (and color) of mortar. Repair wood trim and corbels. Paint all exposed wood and trim features. To provide a complete restoration, the Bell needs to be removed from the tower and shipped to Cincinnati to be restored and the stained glass windows need repairs and new clear window coverings to allow their beauty to show through the now yellowed and opaque coverings. Once the Bell is restored and craned back into the tower it and the new, restored windows will again draw people to the beauty of the building and the reassuring sound of the Bell as it is rung on Sundays and special celebrations or commemorations in the City.

7. Applicant: Douglas County Historical Society for Guardians of Grover Barn

Project Title: *Interpretive Kiosk Project: Grover Barn Heritage Site*

Amount Requested: \$ 7,300.00

Recommended Award: \$7,300.00

Project Description:

In partnership with the City of Lawrence and the Guardians of Grover Barn, a citizens group dedicated to building awareness of the history of this important territorial period structure and FFNHA Partner, the Douglas County Historical Society seeks grant funding to support the development, fabrication, and installation of ADA accessible interpretive kiosks at the Grover Barn site located at 2819 Stone Barn Terrace in Lawrence. The stone barn was built by abolitionists Joel and Emily Grover in 1858. In addition to its important presence as one of the few territorial period agricultural structures still standing in Lawrence, the barn was a station on the Underground Railroad through which John Brown conducted a group of freedom seekers on their way to Canada in the winter of 1859. This extraordinary well-documented story of national importance has qualified the barn for inclusion on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the Kansas African American History Trail. There is nothing on site, however, to identify the structure, which was adapted for use as a fire station in 1980, or reveal the barn's rich and varied history and national significance to the public. This project would address that need, increasing public awareness of the site and providing access to its heritage stories.

8. Applicant: Haskell Foundation

Project Title: Haskell Stadium Archway Rehabilitation

Amount Requested: \$69,789.00

Recommended Award: \$10,000.00

GRANT AWARD CONDITION/S:

Haskell Foundation: Grant funds to be used for a preservation plan that includes a condition assessment with close access, material sampling, and analysis testing.

Project Description:

The Haskell Stadium Archway was built in 1926 as a World War I Memorial in conjunction with, and as an entry and "ticket booth" to, the Haskell Stadium which was also built in 1926. In 2001, on the 75th anniversary of the Archway, it was re-dedicated in honor of the 415 Haskell Warriors" that served in World War I, and in memory of those Warriors that made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Due to a lack of funding, the maintenance and upkeep of the Archway has been neglected over the years. The scope of this project is that of rehabilitation of the Archway, inclusive of the following upgrades: re-roofing of the low slope of the roof; the repair of plaster spalling of exterior surfaces, as needed; application of waterproof coating to horizontal

surfaces; installation of new ticket windows to the original size of the windows (approximately 4' by 8'); replacing the two (2) non-historic doors to the ticket booth with new security doors and hardware; installation of new exterior lighting (yard spotlights illuminating the exterior of the Arch); replacement of interior lighting within the ticket booths; installation of emergency lighting fixtures; replacing existing electrical panel; re-routing electrical service wiring to enter Arch at interior; and installation of new general purpose electrical receptacles.

9. Applicant: KU Center for Sustainability/KU Endowment Association

Project Title: Prairie Acre Restoration

Amount Requested: \$ 16,500.00

Recommended Award: This project was not recommended for funding

Project Description:

In 2015, the KU Center for Sustainability, in cooperation with other campus partners, launched a multiyear Prairie Acre Restoration Project to restore a native prairie site in the heart of the KU campus. The proposal enclosed builds on the success of previous years and will ensure continued progress in the restoration and enhancement of the site, focusing on three key components: First, we plan to create a dry stacked stone wall using limestone that currently forms an enclosure around a portion of the original site. While the existing wall is not historic, it provides the natural resources to demonstrate historic methods of constructing walls similar to those found throughout Douglas County. A KU sculpture professor will incorporate construction techniques into the curriculum, contracting with a local stone mason to oversee the construction. Second, we seek funding to hire a student coordinator to oversee ongoing restoration activities such as seed collection, germination, burning, planting, and volunteer coordination. Third, that coordinate will develop final plans for an expansion site to the south of the existing prairie. Combined, these efforts will produce new opportunities to work with campus and community partners, expand educational activities, and make the site more publicly accessible.

10. Applicant: Winter School Preservation, Inc. (& Lecompton Historical Society)

Project Title: The Winter School, No. 70

Amount Requested: \$ 58,313.69

Recommended Award: 35,120.00

GRANT AWARD CONDITION/S: Project will apply for the Register of Historic Kansas Places now, funds will go to the school building restoration, and project must comply with the Interior's Standards with a letter from SHPO approving of the scope of work.

HCC 2019 Natural & Cultural Grant Award Recommendations

Project Description:

In partnership with the Lecompton Historical Society, we are actively planning to preserve and extend the educational legacy of the Winter School as a museum and cultural community center. Winter School Preservation, Inc. has raised money to preserve the building according to historic preservation standards. Eventually, the property will be gifted and endowed to The Lecompton Historical Society to provide stewardship.

History can be found in buildings, but it can also be found in ethos. The Winter School served as a beacon for teaching and learning as well as community gathering space for the region's rural pioneers. With help from the Douglas County Natural & Cultural Grant Program we hope to provide modern additions that will allow the building to function once again as a vital public space. At the Winter School we want to use our heritage to better understand the origins and evolutions of the education system; the schoolhouse will serve as a memorial to early pioneers and educators while exploring the tradition of generational growth through education. Community is an integral part of the Winter School project, without public access the building would be preserved but remain static and divorced from its original intent and historical significance.

APPENDIX A

2019 HCC Grant Applicants	Request	Recommended
Baldwin City – Baldwin City's Pioneer Cemetery & Prairie Heritage Preservation	\$38,270.00	\$31,750.00
Clinton Lake Historical Society – Digitization of the Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum Phase II	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Douglas County Conservation District – Douglas County Water Festival for Fifth Grade Students	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Douglas County Extension Council – Planting Natives Education Project	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Eudora Area Historical Society – Improvements at the Eudora Community Museum	\$39,999.00	\$6,900.00

HCC 2019 Natural & Cultural Grant Award Recommendations

First United Methodist Church of Lawrence – Bell Tower Restoration – HCC grant funding will designated only for the bell portion of the project.	\$51,055.00	\$28,930.00
Douglas County Historical Society for Guardians of Grover Barn (Underground Railroad Site)	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00
Haskell Foundation – Haskell Stadium Archway Rehabilitation	\$69,789.00	\$10,000.00
KU Center for Sustainability, KU Endowment Association – Prairie Acre Restoration	\$16,500.00	\$00.00
Winter School Preservation, Inc. – Lecompton Historical Society – The Winter School, No. 70	\$58,313.69	\$35,120.00
Totals	\$296,226.69	\$135,000.00