

BRUSH CREEK

Cultural Heritage Corridor Trail

*A Journey through the American Civil Rights Movement
and Black experience in Kansas City.*

WHAT IS A CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAIL?

A cultural heritage trail is a path or route linking significant items of an area's heritage or history. The trail may include markers or signs explaining the cultural significance of the area, such as people, events, historic landmarks, or monuments. Cultural heritage trails can also include guided tours led by experts to provide more in-depth information and context about the cultural heritage of an area. They are also used to promote and preserve cultural heritage sites, and they are popular in many tourist destinations around the world.

WHAT IS THE BRUSH CREEK CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT?

The Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Trail is envisioned to be a series of interconnected nodes that tell the story of the American Civil Rights Movement and the Black experience in Kansas City both nationally and at the local level. The completed project and programming are intended to draw visitors to the Cultural Heritage Corridor in Kansas City, Missouri from the metropolitan area, other states, and other countries for inspiration, reflection, and education. Artwork is a key component to convey this important historical record. Interpretational materials at the nodes will be designed and installed to facilitate the development of educational programming.

WHERE ARE THE PROJECT BOUNDARIES?

The Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Trail spans approximately one mile along the Brush Creek Greenway in Kansas City, bordered by Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard on the north, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the south, roughly The Paseo on the west, and just past Cleveland Avenue on the east.

HOW WILL SITES AND STORIES BE SELECTED TO BECOME PART OF THE TRAIL?

Community members are encouraged to submit nominations of events and individuals they think should be recognized at one of 14 trail sites. From the pool of public submissions, a project steering committee, along with professional historians, will evaluate every submission and decide on the 14 sites or themes.

HOW CAN I SUBMIT AN EVENT OR INDIVIDUAL TO BE HONORED AT ONE OF THE SITES?

You may nominate as many events or individuals as you would like! Community members are asked to submit their nominations by **MARCH 31, 2023** one of the following ways:

- **ONLINE** – Visit the project website at www.brushcreekculturaltrail.com.
- **EMAIL** – Email the project team at gina@parsonkc.com.
- **U.S. MAIL** – Print mail the submission form to: Parson + Associates, ATTN: BCCHT Submission, 1780 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108.
- **PRINT** – Print the Cultural Heritage Element Idea Submission Form and drop off to KC Parks & Recreation, 4600 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130.

HOW IS THE PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

The project is funded by a \$1 million grant from the Kauffman Foundation, plus \$400,000 from the City of Kansas City, Missouri's One Percent for Art program.

WHEN WILL THE TRAIL BE COMPLETED?

The first phase of the Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Trail is anticipated to be completed in 2024.



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Cultural Heritage Element Idea Submission Form

What American Civil Rights Movement – tied to the Black experience in Kansas City – events, elements, or people should be illustrated along the trail?

Submit your ideas via this form to help us program the corridor trail experience. Some example submissions are: the Rosa Parks story; Community Activist Alvin Lee Sykes; and Wheatley-Provident Hospital, which served the Black community in Kansas City from 1902 to 1972.

Submissions are due Friday, March 31, 2023.

*Full Name:

*Zip Code:

*Email:

*Name of Event/Element/Person:

*Description of Event/Element/Person:

*Why should this event/element/person be part of the Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Corridor Trail?



Learn more about the project! Scan the QR code or visit www.brushcreekculturaltrail.com.

