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NOTICE OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in a hybrid format on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th-floor conference room, Suite 515, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, or via a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board regarding staff updates on various projects.

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
REGULAR BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, August 14th, 2024

City Hall, 701 N. 7th Street, Room 515, KCK 66101

And Via Zoom at 6:00pm

Agenda

Have the proper meeting notices been given? _____

Call to Order, _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

_____ Mario Escobar/Mayor Garner _____ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6
*Chairman

_____ Kevin Mitchell/District #1 _____ Dani Gurley/District #7
*First Vice Chairwoman

_____ Jim Schneweise/District #2 _____ Laura Flores/District #8
*Secretary

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3 _____ Ashley Williamson/District #1 at Large

_____ Karen Daniels/District #4 _____ Sarah Lynch/District #2 at Large
*Second Vice Chairwoman

_____ Andrea Behrman/District #5

Non-Voting Members

_____ Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS

Administration Present:

_____ Angel Ferrara, Parks and Recreation, Director

_____ Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Assistant Director of Recreation

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Parks

_____ Wendy Green, Counselor

_____ Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda is presented for Board review, and consideration for adoption.

Additions:

Visitors:

Board Members:

The Agenda is presented for adoption.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting were presented for review and consideration for approval.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

II – Presentations, Hearings, Communications

1. Visitors

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time. As a general rule, the Board will not enter into discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary responses, and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

- Ms. Louise Lynch has requested to speak -

2. Correspondence

- None

III – Old Business

- Waterway Corridor Plan Presentation – Presented by Alyssa Marcy with the Unified Government Department of Planning and Urban Design.

IV – New Business

- None to report

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Recreation Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
 - a. Park Updates –
- Angel Ferrara
 - a. Project Updates –
- **Board Member's Questions or Comments**

3. Adjournment at _____P.M.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

The July 10, 2024, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of
Park Commissioners was held at City Hall 701 N. 7th St. Room 515, Kansas City,
KS 66101 & Virtually-Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mario Escobar, Chairman. Angel Ferrara, Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present, were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Mario Escobar, Chairman

Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member

Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member

Andrea Behrman, Member

Ashley Williamson, Member

Sarah Lynch, Member

Laura Flores, Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Mitchell, Member

Jim Schneweis, Member

Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman

Dani Gurley, First Vice Chairwoman

Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS

Administration Present:

Shaya Lockett, Recreation Assistant Director

Vincent Billaci, Manager of Recreation

Wendy Green, Counselor

Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

• ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt the July 10, 2024, Agenda seconded by Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member

Motion carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

• APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Wednesday June 12, 2024, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook and seconded by Andrea Behrman

Motion carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors**

As a general rule, the Board will not enter discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary response and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

- **Correspondence**

III– OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

IV- NEW BUSINESS

V - OUTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Shaya Lockett –

- Recreation Updates –
 - The recreation report, being created for the count of participants for all our programs, is still in process, we are making sure its accurate, before sharing with Park Board.
 - Registration is currently open for youth sports, we are offering Fall flag football, Volleyball, and Soccer, the registration fee is twenty dollars. Flag football registration fee is thirty dollars, this fee is a little higher due to the participants are receiving, NFL branded jersey, the registration ends August 30th. Soccer and Flag football are being played at Sporting Fields Compass Minerals; youth volleyball will be held at Bethany Community Center, now known as Earl Watson Sr. Community Center.
 - Parks & Recreation will be holding our 10th annual Christmas in July at Wyandotte County Lake, July 20th. We will have lots of activities, games, fireworks, fishing

derby. As well as glow party with DJ's and fireworks once it gets dark. We will have food vendors, along with ice cream, along with water slides for the kids.

- July is Parks and Recreation Month, this year's theme, Is Where You Belong, advised to follow us on Facebook as we have series of different activities we will be holding at the community centers.
- July 11th is National Swimming Day at Parkwood Pool.
- July 12th, we will also have summer event at the Armourdale Community Center, this is summer outdoor event with yard games.
- Night Hoops program will be held on July 20th.
- Encouraging people to stop by City Park to visit our co-ed softball League on National Ice cream day.
- Eisenhower Community Center will be holding event July 23rd, will be handing out vanilla ice cream cups, invited Park Board to attend.
- Encouraging people to stop by City Park to visit our co-ed softball League
- National dog photography will be held at St. Johns Park on July 26th, and we are encouraging parents to register their youth for our youth Soccer League.
- Dr. Jane Philbrook – wanted to bring to the Park Board attention, the annual golf tournament, that the Park Board Foundation, will be holding this the event, September 13th, thanked, Parks and Recreation for sharing the flyer for this event.

Vincent Billaci –

- Park Updates –
 - Vandalism in the parks, passed out pictures of the damage's, to the Park Board damages were caused by fireworks, Alvey Parks restrooms both sides, toilets and the sinks, as well as Reagan Park restrooms, Pierson Park sign was destroyed by large fireworks. We also had graffiti last week at Northrup Park, our maintenance team painted the sign at Northrop Park, and had to repaint it again this morning. St. Margaret's Park we just had our ribbon cutting for the new walking trail, and just painted the shelter and restrooms, was also graffitied, Kaw Point Park was also hit with graffiti and Quindaro Park, playground was damaged from a car hitting it, we are pending an inspection and is currently closed.

- St. Margarets – Ribbon cutting was a couple weeks ago and went well, trail is open it has concrete trail with rubber surfacing.
- Klamm Park – Projects are underway, concrete has been poured, we will be adding two basketball courts, eight pickleball courts and three tennis courts.
- Kensington Park – Basketball court, concrete has been poured, estimated projects should be completed in August.
- Clopper Park trail – Concrete has been poured, trail will be eight foot wide and one third of a mile, trail will also have concrete with rubber surfacing.
- Jersey Creek Park – This project is currently pending time availability for painting the mural on the basketball court.
- Boston Daniels – Phase two, which includes the flat work grading, and the shelter bid should be going out next week.

Angel Ferrara –

- Project Updates –
 - Shaya Lockett - Spoke for Angel Ferrara, she was unable to attend tonight's Park Board meeting.
 - Informed the Park Board that Unified Government's Board of Commissioners, voted on June 27th to remain revenue neutral, \$8 million will need to be cut from the city's budget, and \$10 million will need to be cut from the county. Parks & Recreation requested staff to propose budget cuts in the amounts of 5% and 10%, the decision to go revenue neutral has expedited the budget process. With this decision being implemented and this has made a direct impact on current vacant positions and has frozen any new hires to fill our vacant positions.
 - The Parks & Recreation Department is currently down 17 full-time positions and 2 part time, and we have 18% vacancy rate in our department, we have roughly, between 95 and a hundred full time employees. So that's about an 18% vacancy rate in our department. This will impact deduction in services as it relates to operations, mowing and deferred maintenance. There will also cause a reduction on elimination of services for the community programming facility usages, and

then our Capital Improvement funding will also be limited, and our ability to apply and seeking grants is also going to be a challenge, because most grants require a match from the local government.

- Shaya Lockett – Shared with the Park Board, Commission the next meeting will be held Thursday on July 11th at 7 PM. There will be a public hearing regarding this matter, and it's important that the Park Board is informed and able to advocate for the Parks and Recreation Department, as the department can be looked at as a luxury and not a service, but we know the importance of Parks & Recreation is very important to our community and relate to health and wellness.

VI – BOARD MEMBERS'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Sarah Lynch – Asked, who makes the decision on the budget cuts.
 - Shaya Lockett – Answered the revenue neutral means that we collect the same amount of property taxes that we collected this year, and Administrator is required to submit a balanced budget based on the amount of property taxes that were collected.
- Sarah Lynch – Asked if the Administrator is asking for Parks & Recreation's budget to be cut, and asked if the Parks & Recreation Department is able to raise their own funds?
 - Matt Zayes – Answered, Commission approves the final budget, and it's the Staff's role all the way up to the Commissioner to propose a budget to the Commission based upon the revenue neutral rate.
 - Shaya Lockett – Answered question on raising funds, Shaya stated that the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, whose mission is to support the Parks and Recreation Department, there is an opportunity to work with the foundation, to provide and raise additional funds. However, we, as staff, cannot raise additional funds for the Department, but that is what the foundation is created for. This foundation was created for outside fundraising and funds can be put in Wyandotte County Park Foundation; this is the legal way.
- Ashley Williamson – Asked for contact person for the Wyandotte County Park Foundation, she also wanted to know, if they can send letter to our commissioners.

- Wendy Green – Responded, there are two different things they can do, come to the meeting Commission open mic, or write to your Commissioners, before budget is adopted.
- Vincent Billaci – Stated as long as we are revenue neutral, we will continue to experience the budget cuts, this will stay permanent. We’ve been tasked with 10% cut, for our department, a 5% cut is 750,000 and a 10% cut is roughly 1.5 million.
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Asked Wendy Green, how do we go back to not being revenue neutral.
 - Wendy Green – Answered the County next year, during the budget process, the County Commission would again have to decide on whether they want to exceed the revenue neutral rate. They must do this every year. But if this is the path that the Commission is choosing to go on for its budgetary process, then they must think about these cuts as not being temporary and make permanent.
- Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla – Complemented, Clopper Field Trail and coming together nicely, have had a lot of good comments from the community.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Mario Escobar, Chairman requested to adjourn; Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook made a motion; Ashley Williamson seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

SPORT OFFICIALS NEEDED!

**Your involvement is vital
to starting the season!**

SPORT OFFICIALS ARE NEEDED FOR:

Fall Leagues:

- Adult Slow-pitch Co-Ed Softball (18+)
- Youth Volleyball
- Youth Soccer
- Youth NFL Flag Football

Winter Leagues:

- Youth Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
- Youth Basketball

If you're interested, know someone who might be, or need more information, please contact the Sports Coordinator:

913-573-8397

ethaines@wycokck.org

***Background checks are required for all sport officials**

Waterway Corridor Plan

Education & Engagement |
Summer 2024



Agenda

Water Infrastructure 101

CSO19

Overview of the Waterway Corridor Plan

Water Infrastructure 101

Kansas City Newsflash: Dead Fish Plague 'Flush Creek' On Country Club Plaza

July 03, 2023 9 Comments



Actually . . . This is commonplace and happens every Summer.

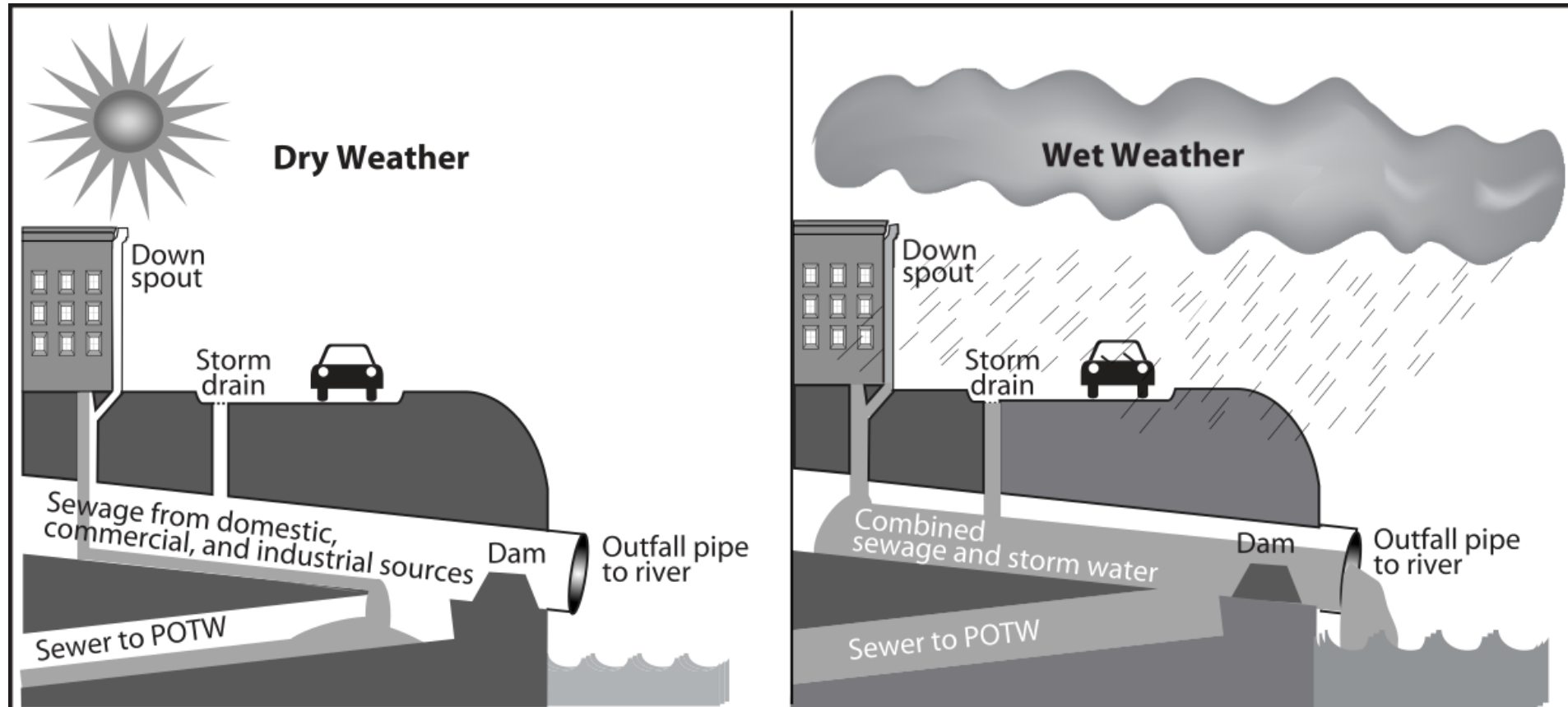
Here's the breathless reporting and a mention of the science . . .

"An oily sheen on the surface of the water accompanied the fish, which ranged in size from around three inches to around ten inches long. Small streams of bubbles were seen rising from the bottom of the creek Monday, although state biologists could not offer an explanation."

RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FINDINGS

Grab samples of Jersey Creek water were taken upstream of and downstream from all raw sewage discharges. Additional grab samples were taken of all raw sewage discharging into Jersey Creek. The samples were iced, transported to NFIC-Denver, and analyzed (within 5 hr after collection) for total and fecal coliform bacteria, BOD, COD, and suspended solids. Field measurements were made for pH, temperature, and conductivity. [Appendix A, Methods of Analysis.]

Water Infrastructure 101



CSO19



Notice: Construction In Your Neighborhood Beginning May 2024

Aviso: La construcción en su vecindario inicio en Mayo de 2024

सूचना: तपाईंको छर्मिकीमा नरिमाण कार्य मे महिना
२०२४ देखि शुरु हुँदैछ!

Construction will include almost 10,000 feet of new storm and sanitary sewer to reduce combined sewer overflow into Jersey Creek.

La construcción incluirá casi 10,000 pies de nuevo alcantarillado pluvial y sanitario para reducir el desbordamiento del alcantarillado hacia Jersey Creek.

नरिमाणले लगभग १०,००० फटि नयाँ आँधी र मलमूत्रको ढल समावेश गर्नेछ जसले जर्सी क्रीकमा संयुक्त ढलको ओभरफ्लो कम गर्न मद्दत गर्नेछ!

CSO 19 Sewer Separation (Phase 1)
Separación de alcantarillado (Fase 1)
सीएसओ १९ ढल छुट्याउने कार्य (चरण १)

Construction area
Área de construcción
नरिमाण क्षेत्र

State Ave

N 12th St

Waterway Park

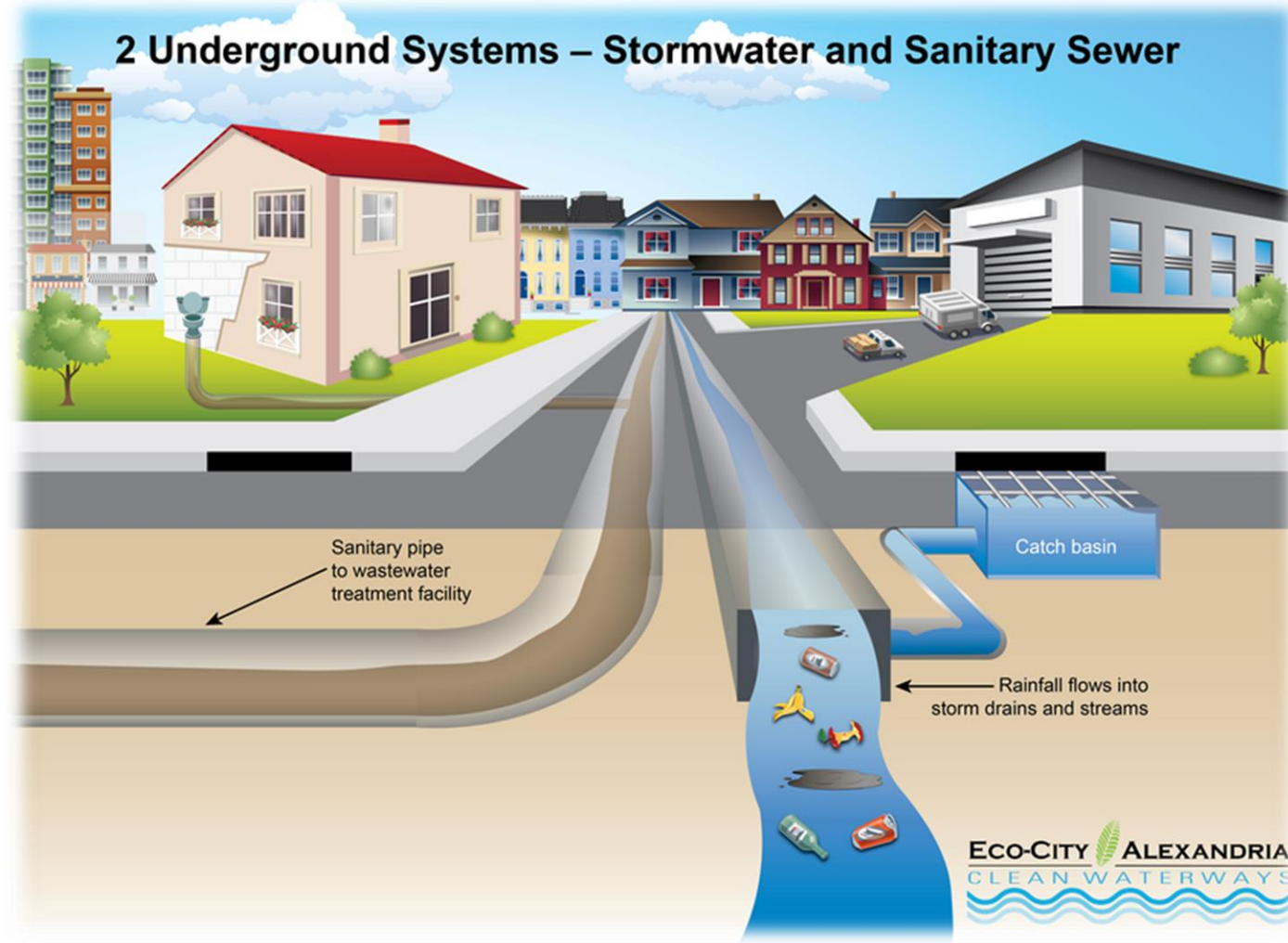
N 10th St

Grandview Blvd.

Big Eleven Lake

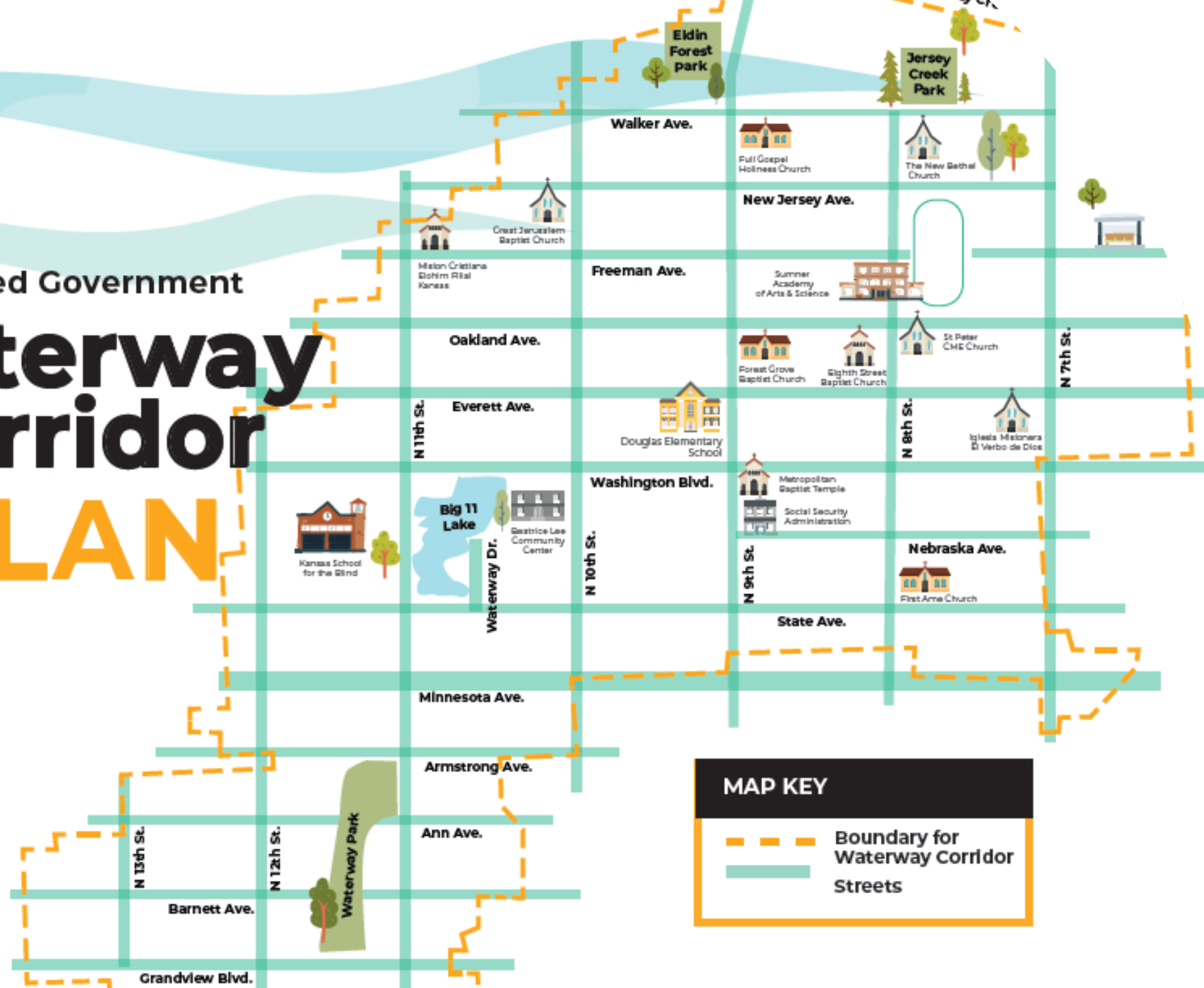
Consent Decree

A **Consent Decree** is an agreement UG has with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice. The purpose is to improve the quality of water in our community through the **Clean Water Act** and UG's commitment to the **Sewer Investment Plan**.



Unified Government

Waterway Corridor PLAN



MAP KEY

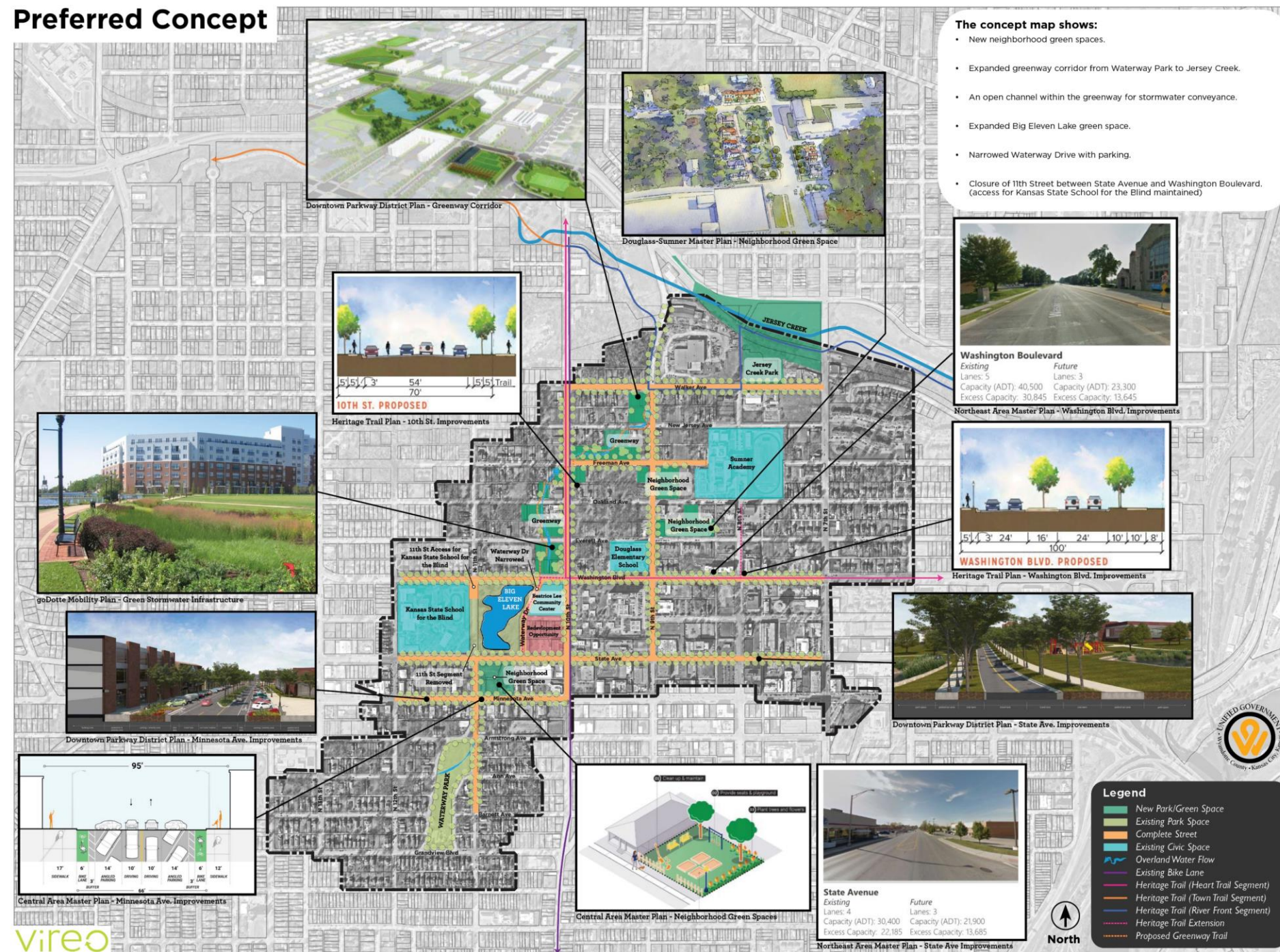
- Boundary for Waterway Corridor
- Streets

Waterway Corridor Plan



What's in the Plan?

- New neighborhood green spaces
- Expanded greenway corridor from Waterway Park to Jersey Creek
- Open channel within greenway for stormwater conveyance
- Expanded Big Eleven Lake green space
- Narrowed Waterway Drive with parking
- Closure of 11th St. between State Ave. and Washington Blvd.
- Complete streets and mobility improvements



Completed:

2024

2025

2026

2026

2027

2028

2030

2031

No Date

Project Name	Capital Investment
6 CSO 19 Sewer Separation (Phase 1)	\$4.4M
2 CSO 15 and CSO 81 Sewer Separation	\$2.0M
15 Armourdale/Muncie Bluffs Study	
1 CSO 14 Sewer Separation	\$7.7M
12 Eighth Street Park Concept Design	\$6.2M
4 CSO 17 Sewer Separation	\$4.0M
8 Argentine Basin Improvements (ARGE-1)	\$6.1M
9 Jersey Creek Basin Improvements (JERS-1)	\$2.5M
13 Waterway Corridor	\$5.6M

CSO = Combined Sewer Overflows

14 Wyandotte High/Lombardy Drive	\$3.4M
16 Summer Green Corridor Study	
17 6th St Urban Trail Construction	
5 CSO 19 Sewer Separation (Phase 2)	\$11.3M
11 Census Tract 422 Clifton Park Green Infrastructure	\$1.0M
10 Muncie Creek Basin Improvements (MUNC-1)	\$3.7M
7 CSO 55 Sewer Separation and Green Infrastructure	\$17.7M
3 CSO 16 Sewer Separation	\$4.0M
18 Jersey Creek Naturalization (JERS-3)	



Our Ask

We need your support!

Supporting this plan will allow UG Public Works to pursue additional funding and set aside funds to make these improvements after the consent decree pipe work is complete.

Go to www.wycokck.org/waterwaycorridor for more information.





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A FATHER'S PODER

A STORY INSPIRED BY
SATURNINO ALVARADO

WRITTEN BY
GARY ENRIQUE BRADLEY-LOPEZ



GEORGE MEYN CENTER

126th and State Avenue, Bonner Springs,
KS 66012

AUGUST 25

DOORS OPEN: 1:30PM

SHOW STARTS: 2:00PM



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