

WELCOME TO WARD TWO TOWN HALL



Council Member Eric Persson

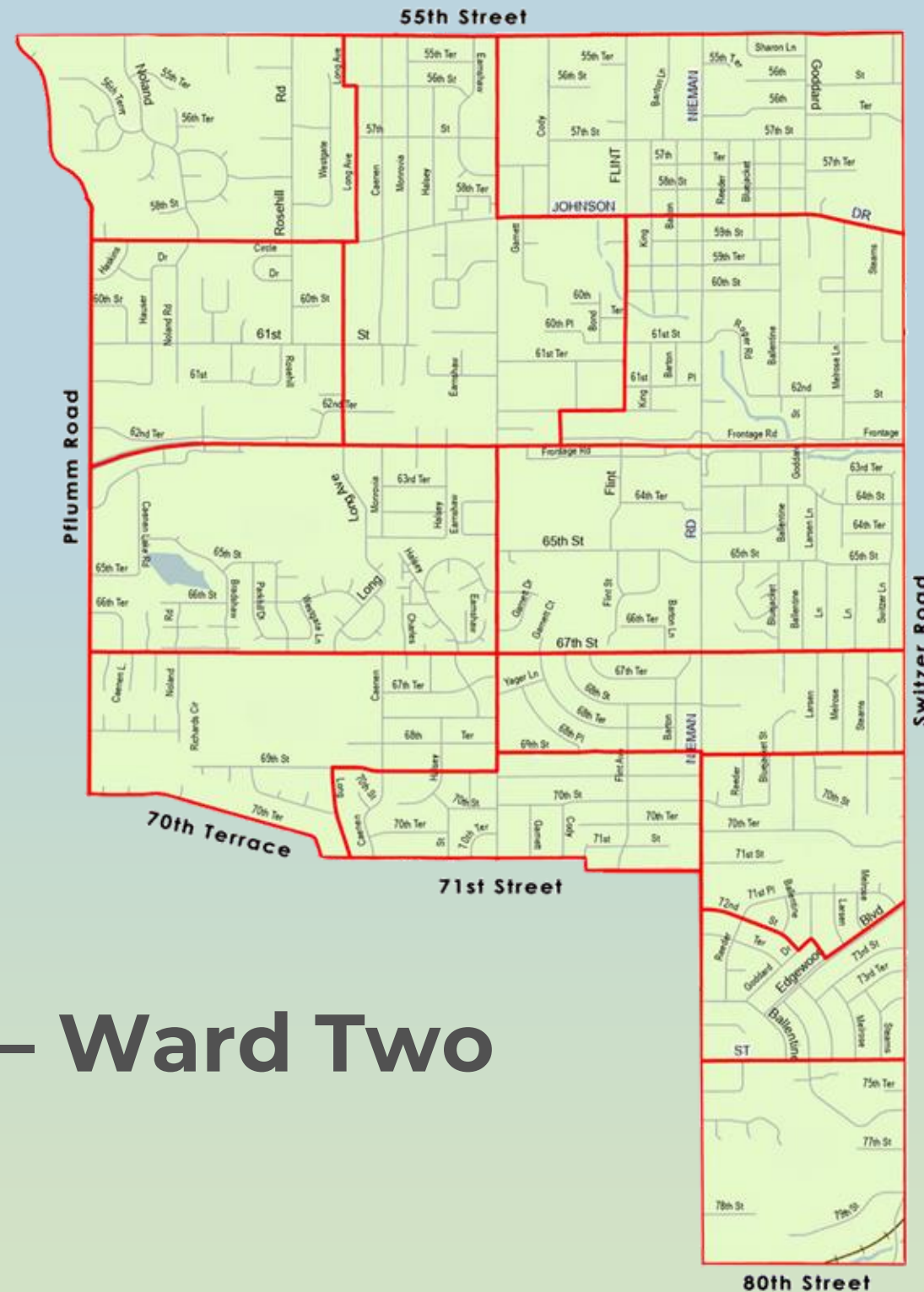


Council Member Jeanie Murphy





City of Shawnee – Ward Two



2026 Infrastructure So Far...



Midland Drive upgrade – long delayed, nearly on schedule

- Phase 1 – SM Parkway to Lawrence Road **complete**
- Phase 2 – Lawrence Road to Ogg Road **to open in September**
- Phase 3 – Ogg Road to I-435 **to open in November**



2026 stormwater repair & street repair programs underway

2026 Development So Far...



Marigold Plaza

- Thai Orchid, opens November
- Pending contract for another tenant

2026 Development So Far...



Westbrooke Green

- Shawnee Fresh Market opens mid-September after 18 years vacant
- Several other tenants have signed leases

2026 Development So Far...



Wonderscope Site

- School building remodeled as apartments - underway
- 14 townhome units on north and east side of parking lot approved
- Additional townhomes at 58th and Barton also approved



2026 Development So Far...

Masonic Building – also known as Stoneburner



- Planned for retail tenant – to open late next year
- Renovation is underway



2026 Development So Far...

St. Joseph Athletic Facility

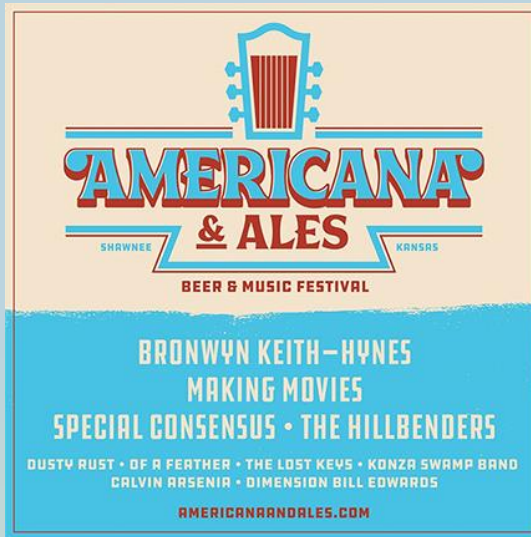
- Multi-purpose with capacity of 500
- New field lights and general rehab
- Will host CYO football, Sporting KC Youth Program, Special Olympics of Kansas events

2026 Highlights So Far...



Americana & Ales

- More than 5,000 people attended
- Beer tasting sold out of 500 tickets
- Attendees asked to make it annual event



World Cup Watch Parties

- Enthusiastic crowds attended
- Held at Theater in the Park





Looking ahead – a little

- **Traffic signal at I-435 & Johnson Drive**
- **Interchange at 75th Street & K-7 still pending KDOT approval**

SHAWNEE PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM



How it works:

100% rebate on the City's portion of property tax

Maximum rebate of \$500 per household

People receive a rebate check after each tax payment

People can request the rebate every year for as long as they qualify



Property Tax Rebate Program

- 75% more people used the program this year compared with the previous year.
- Funding is available for even more people.
- Next year, one application will work for both the City program and the County program.



JANUARY – MARCH 2026
EARLY ESTIMATES
BASED ON LAST YEAR'S BUDGET

JANUARY – JUNE 2027
INDEPENDENT AUDIT
IMPROVE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

SHAWNEE BUDGET PROCESS

**EARLY
ESTIMATE**

AUDIT

PLAN

EXECUTE

PROPOSE

ADOPT

MARCH – MAY
BUDGET RETREAT WITH COUNCIL
FINE TUNE THE NUMBERS

AUGUST THRU 2027
REVIEW BY THE COUNTY
KEEP BUDGET BALANCED

MAY – JULY
FINAL DEPARTMENT BUDGETS
DEVELOP FULL PROPOSAL

JULY – AUGUST
PUBLIC INPUT
COUNCIL APPROVAL

RETREAT SATURDAY
APRIL 25
9AM CITY HALL



Proposed 2027 City Budget

- **Extremely lean:**
 - **Expenses expected to increase by 4.1%**
 - **Revenues increase by only < 2%**
 - **Budget shows \$2.5 million shortfall – will balance by end of the year**
City always budgets for full employment for the entire year, but open positions usually happen
- **Four new full-time positions on city staff**
- **Contracts with suppliers have been reworked**
- **When we spend from our Reserve Fund, we receive less interest income**

What is “Revenue Neutral Rate”?



- “Revenue neutral” means the city can’t collect more property tax than it did last year without a public hearing
- 2021 Legislative action forces local governments to announce that tax collections go up when property values go up
- Localities must declare intention to collect more revenue at a public hearing
- It’s necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate to keep up with inflation



Revenue Neutral Rate

**Over the past five years – in the 26 largest cities in
Kansas – a total of 130 budget years:**

How many times has a city reduced its
mill levy to the revenue neutral rate?



Revenue Neutral Rate

Over the past five years – in the 26 largest cities in Kansas – a total of **130** budget years:

- Only **FIVE** times has a city adopted the revenue neutral rate
- Each of the five had a mill rate **exceeding 45**
- Shawnee's mill rate is **23.267**

What Revenue Neutral Really Does



Just like your home budget. If you don't get a raise for several years, you fall farther and farther behind every year.



Cumulative % Change, 2020-2025

Property values, property tax billings, consumer inflation

Period	Assessed Valuation % Change	Property Tax Bills % Change	Inflation % Change
2020 - 2025	45.4%	27.6%	24.5%



Revenue Neutral Rate

For a typical Shawnee homeowner:

Using this year's rates and an average Shawnee home valued at \$431,429.

Average appraised value	\$431,429
Assessed value (11.5%)	\$49,614
City tax at 21.948 RNR	\$1,088.94
City tax at 23.267 mills	\$1,154.38
Difference	\$65.44/year about \$5.45/month

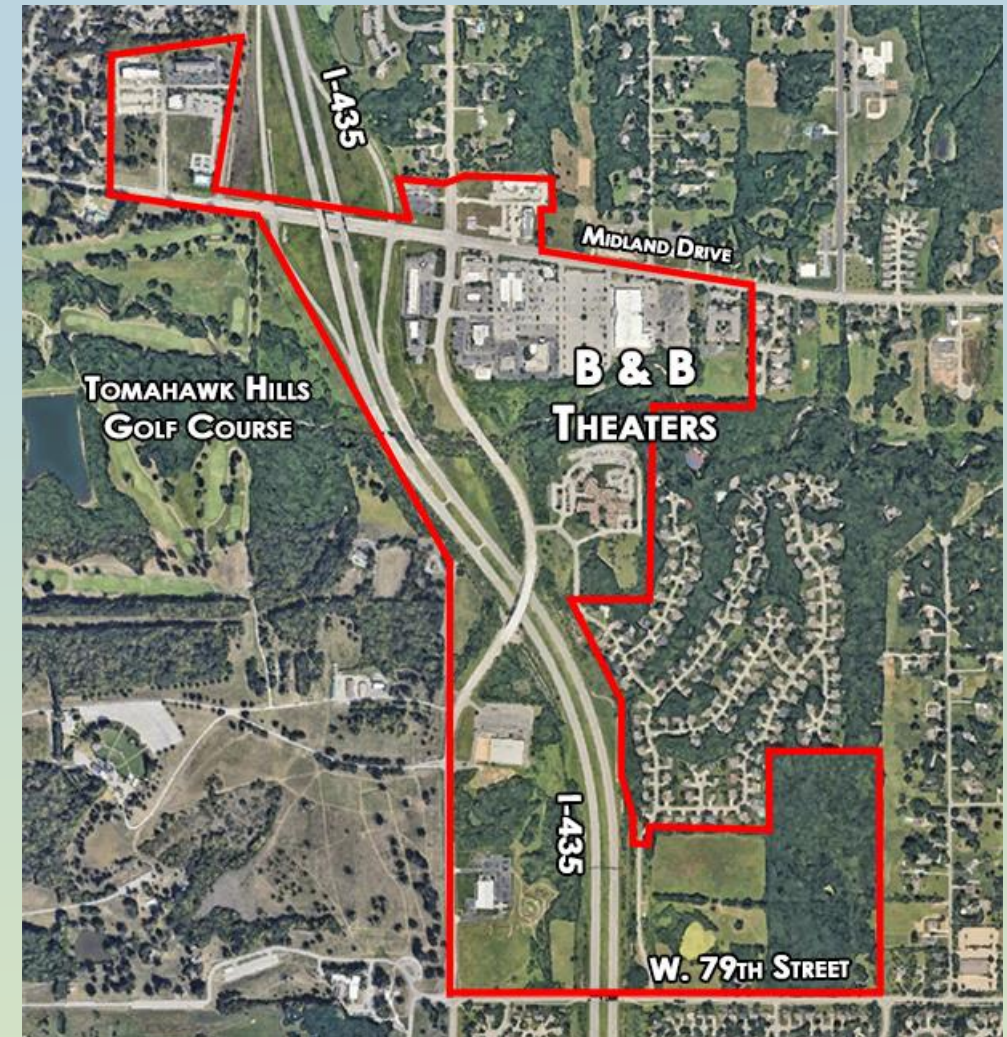


This is the only part of your property tax that the City can control.



Midland TIF District

- Approved at May 11 Council Meeting
- Property values were dropping
- The area meets the state's definition of "blighted"
- Each proposed development requires Planning Commission approval
- Any rezoning needs Council approval
- **The City doesn't lose any tax revenue**





Midland TIF District

- The City doesn't give up money – it sets aside future tax increases created by the development itself
- Without the TIF, that growth might never have happened at all
- The TIF agreement lasts 20 years
- At the end, the fund's remaining balance pays to retire any outstanding debt or covers final project costs
- **After that, the City receives the full property tax on the now-more-valuable property —** and the City reaps the long-term reward of a healthier tax base



How TIF's Work



1 Before Development

Property has a certain value. Taxes are collected based on that value.

2 During TIF Period

As development occurs, property value increases. Taxes on the original value (the "base") continue to go to the usual taxing entities. The increase in value (the "increment") is set aside in a dedicated fund to pay for eligible project costs.

3 After TIF Period Ends

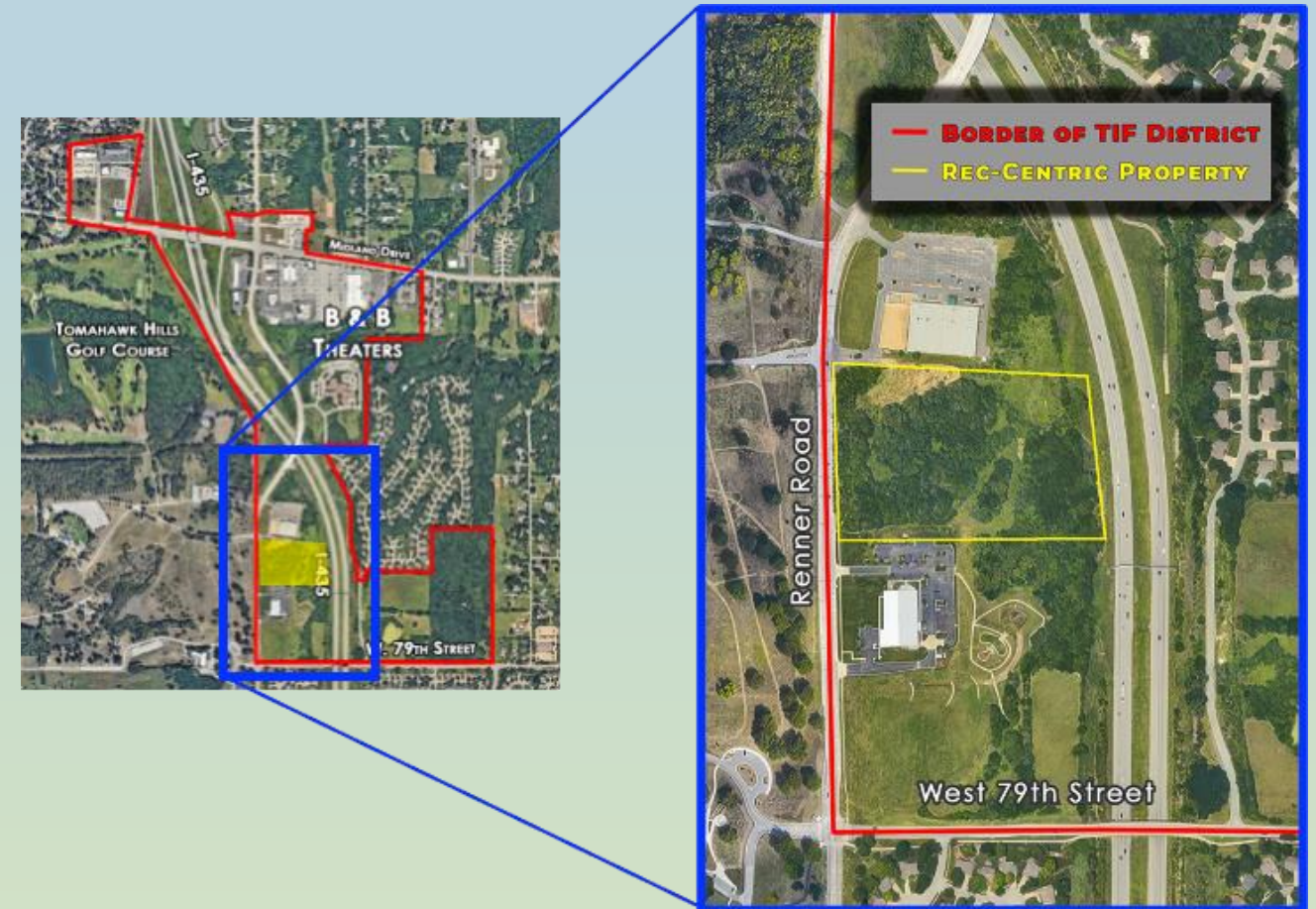
The dedicated fund closes. Any remaining balance pays off debt or covers final costs. From that point forward, all taxes on the full property value flow to the usual taxing entities.

TIF doesn't create taxes. It captures future growth that development makes possible.

Rec-centric Apartments and Townhomes



- First project in TIF District
- Rezoned by Council for High-rise Apartment
- Supported by surrounding property owners
- Unique concept for KC Metro
- Increased density attracts other developers





Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

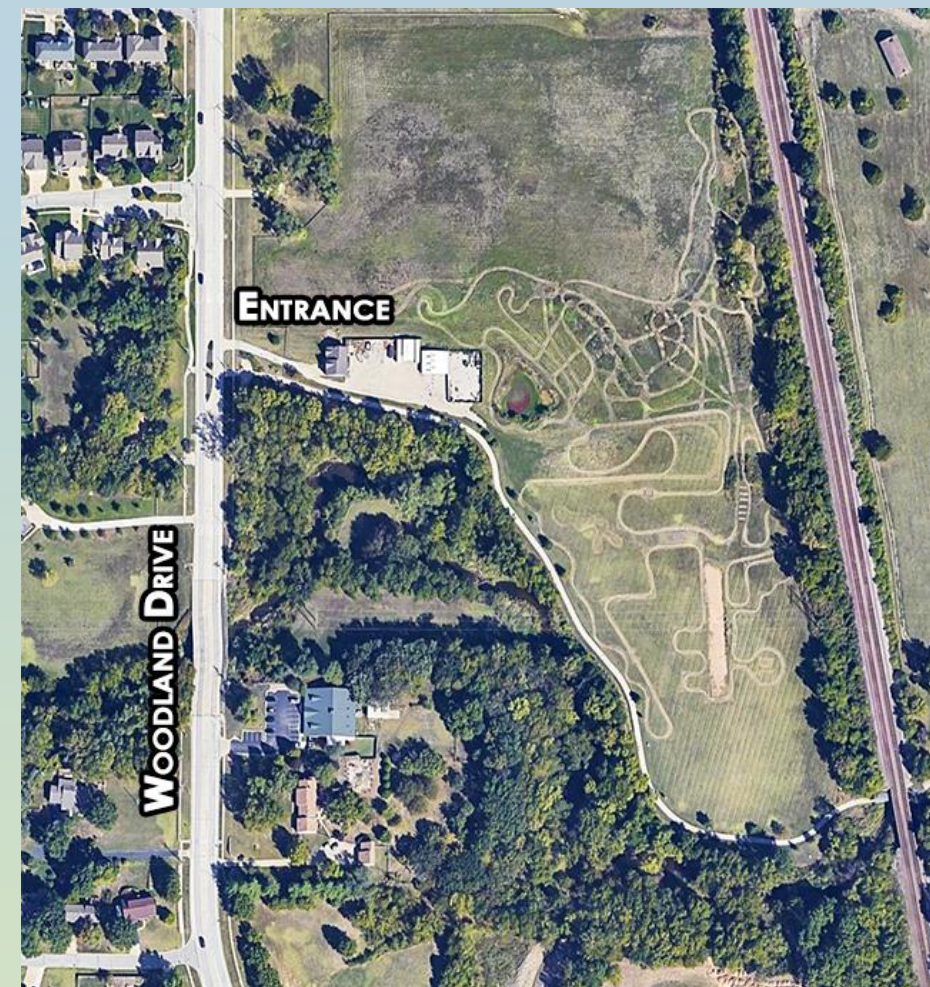
– AKA “The Wish List”

- Rail Creek Park**
- Shawnee Town 1929 Visitors’ Center**
- New vision for Johnson Drive**



Wish List – Rail Creek Park

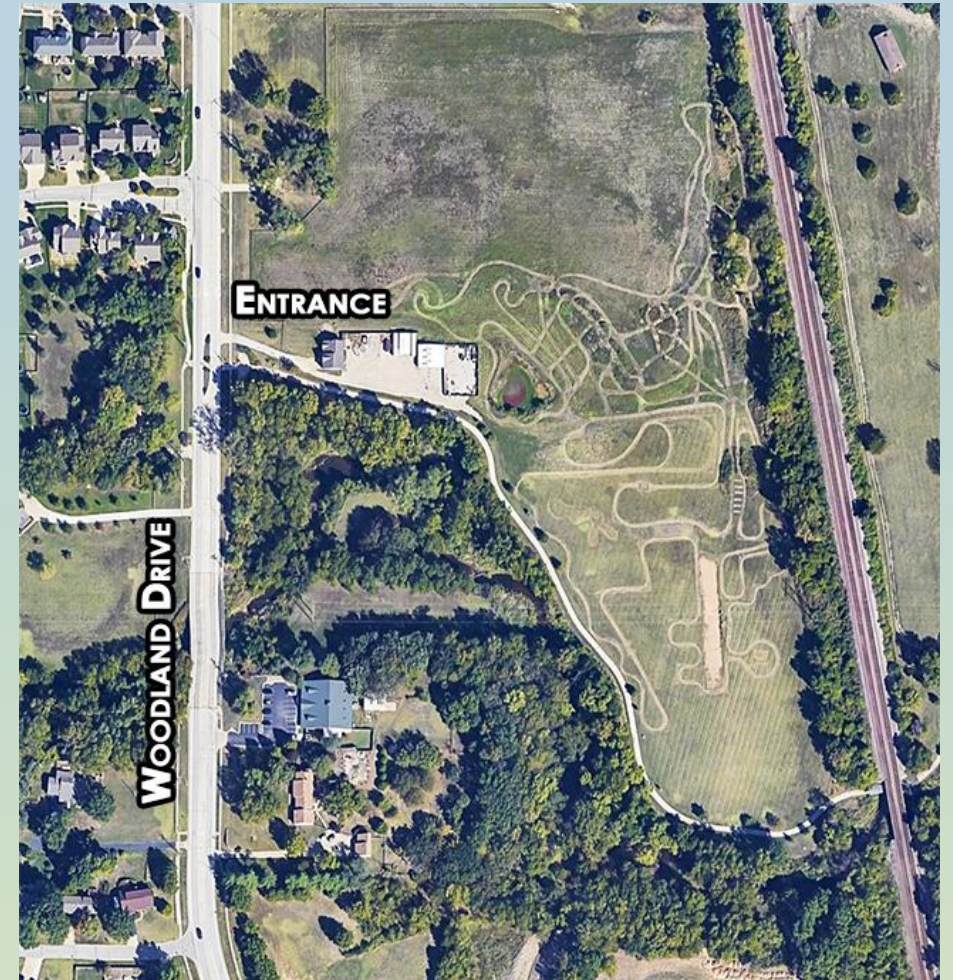
- 170 Acres
- Located at 61st & Woodland Drive
- Volunteers have built bike trails
- Hosts local competitions & training for young cyclists
- Envisioned as a destination for regional competitions
- Close to Valley of Champions
- Potential hub to attract visitors





Wish List – Rail Creek Park

- Current cost to develop \$8 - 12 million (estimated)
- Grants are available, but City's share of cost is still a large commitment
- Additional funding sources will be needed
- Planning will proceed, but date is uncertain

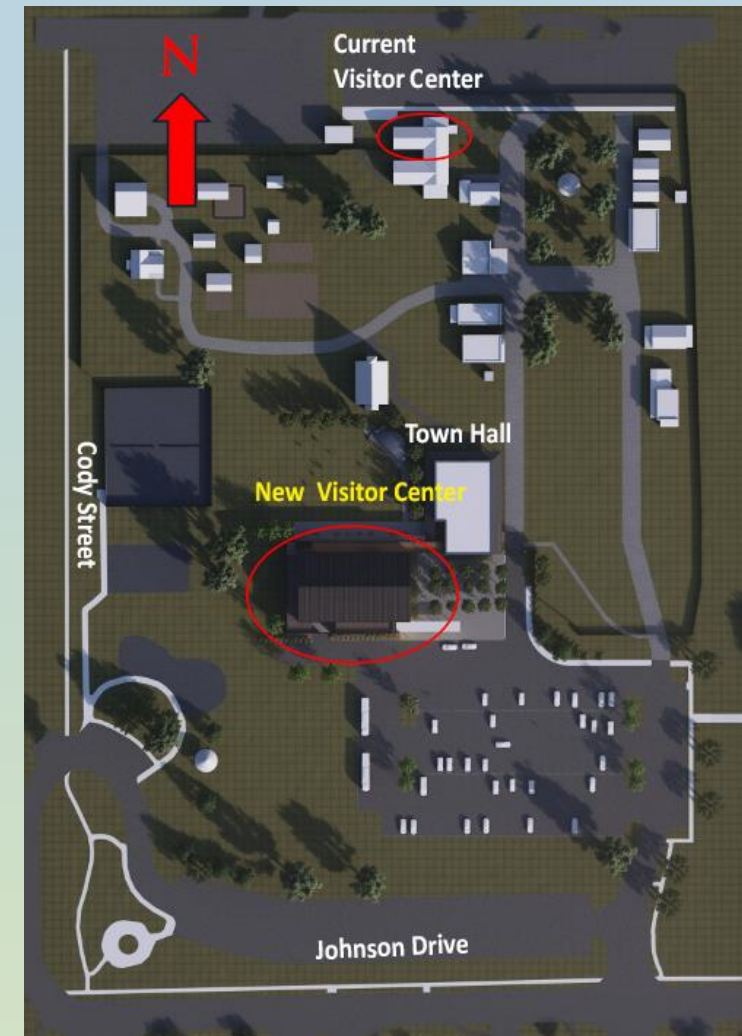




Wish List – Shawnee Town 1929 Visitors' Center

Concept includes several much-needed areas:

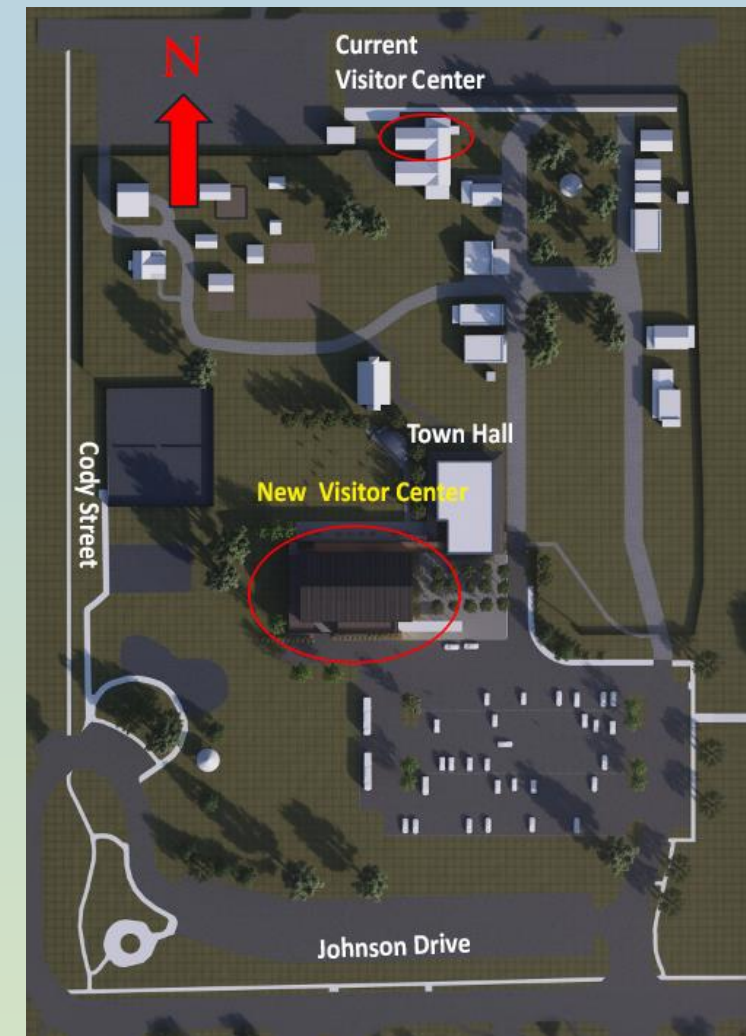
- New reception area
- Gallery space for exhibits
- Climate-controlled artifact storage area
- Conference and classroom space
- Gift shop and restrooms





Wish List – Shawnee Town 1929 Visitors' Center

- Current cost to develop \$8 - 12 million (estimated)
- Capital campaign by Friends of Shawnee Town underway
- Additional funding sources will be needed
- Cost to develop Master Plan is in 2027 budget



Wish List – Proposed Johnson Drive Improvements

Project highlights:

- Wider sidewalks – 6 feet
- Enhanced lighting
- Additional clearly marked crosswalks
- Slow down vehicle traffic
 - Partial medians
 - Lane reduction



**Focus on pedestrian visibility &
crosswalks ⇒ Safety**



Wish List – Proposed Johnson Drive Improvements

Project highlights:

- **Green stormwater management**
- **Additional public on-street parking, including ADA spaces**
- **New HAWK signals at St. Joseph and Hocker Grove**
- **New coordinated wayfinding signs**
 - **Easier downtown navigation**
 - **Identify public parking**



Wish List – Proposed Johnson Drive Improvements

Minimal construction and disruption

- **Not moving curblines**
- **Not moving utilities except minor stormwater work**
- **Keeping every existing access onto Johnson from adjacent properties**
- **Adding curb bump outs and medians:**
 - **Better visual cues for drivers**
 - **Pedestrian refuges for crossing and in on-street parking areas.**



Wish List – Proposed Johnson Drive Improvements

Tentative Timeline:

- Final design w/public engagement – **2027-2028**
- Bid – **mid to late 2028**
- Construction – **2029, possible carry over into spring 2030**

Cost not yet estimated – still in concept phase