



## INDEPENDENCE ★ MUNICIPAL SERVICES ★

TO: Honorable Mayor Weir & City Council  
FROM: Lisa Phelps, Director of Municipal Services  
DATE: Monday, May 10, 2021  
RE: National Parks Services Trails Retracement Grant

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This memo is to advise the Mayor and City Council of the opportunity grant received by Municipal Services and Parks Recreation Tourism (PRT) Departments from the National Parks Service (NPS). As part of their National Historic Trails Strategy Concept Plan for Greater Kansas City, the NPS offered the City a grant for \$15,000 to help implement this pilot implementation project. The pilot will implement signage and interpretation of the area's history of the National Historic Trails.

The City worked with NPS to identify a completed section of NPS retracement trail from River Road (at Mill Creek Park) past the Truman Library, to 24 Hwy (at McCoy Park). As part of the pilot, interpretative and identifying signage will be installed along the route. This expands upon the efforts of the Mill Creek Park Trail extension, currently underway, which will install a pedestrian bridge across Mill Creek, connecting McCoy Park to the south, with Mill Creek Park to the north.

NPS and the City have been working on these signs for implementation before the end of June 2021.

Municipal Services is working directly with the Contractor for the Mill Creek Park extension to install 2 interpretive signs with an orientation sign. Other directional signs will be installed by the Sign Shop from Municipal Services. These efforts are reimbursable to the maximum of \$15,000 in the grant. There is no match associated with this pilot grant program.