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April 23, 2009

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The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce, Atchison, Kansas is pleased to support the goals and mission of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. The Atchison community has embraced our heritage in many ways. Our cultural history, Lewis & Clark's historical visit and the importance of Amelia Earhart all bring visitors to Atchison. Amelia became an important voice for women in forging the heritage of the frontier.

Bringing the region together enhances our ability to share our stories with the public and increase knowledge of the entire area. Joining with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area to share our stories is an important step in preserving those stories for generations.

The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to take part in working with all the organizations within Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Joseph Pelletier
President, Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce

Atchison AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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April 23, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

To Whom It May Concern,

The Atchison County Historical Society, Atchison, Kansas, fully supports the goals and mission of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. Bringing like-minded groups from across the region to celebrate and share our common heritage enhances all of the partner organization's ability to reach the public with the stories of how the striving for freedom helped create who we are today.

Telling the stories of Kansas in the Territorial Era through the Brown v. Topeka Board of Education decision touches much of our region's historic sites. Atchison County also is a part of that story from the border ruffian days to our own Lincoln School being the first to comply with integration after the Brown Decision.

The Atchison County Historical Society is proud to be able to take part in working with the many other like-minded organizations within Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Chris Taylor
Executive Director Atchison County Historical Society

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March 1, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

This is a supporting letter from the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site. As a Civil War site in the state of Missouri, it is particularly important to embrace this Heritage Area. In the past we have committed time, traveling to meetings, participating in discussions and presenting informational programs and less formal conversations with the public about the Heritage Area. In the future we plan to continue this support.

Sincerely,

Jame Fuller, Resource Manager
Battle of Lexington State Historic Site

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May 27, 2009

Ms. Judy Billings
President and CEO
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Dear Ms. Billings:

The Black Jack Battlefield Trust is committed to the same goals as the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, and is eager to partner with all of the other historic sites in the heritage area. We are eager to tell our part of the freedom story in a manner which will create a cohesive experience for visitors, an experience that will contribute to their understanding of how our nation's history has shaped our lives.

The Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park exemplifies the struggle for freedom that occurred in the Kansas Territory before the Civil War. The battlefield was the site of the first armed conflict between anti-slavery forces, led by Capt. John Brown, and pro-slavery forces, led by Capt. Clay Pate. The events that occurred before the battle and after the battle, and the sites that tell those stories, link us together in telling the story of "Bleeding Kansas".

The Santa Fe Trail, the Robert Hall Pearson Farmstead, the Iron Boyd Prairie, and the Black Jack Nature Park contribute to the development of the additional themes of Westward Expansion, Manifest Destiny, and the Natural Environment. The Trust is committed not only to preserving and making accessible this nationally significant battlefield and its environs for posterity, but also to providing for multiple uses. The site will be available for the benefit of those seeking to better understand the battle and its role in American history and will be available to others who desire the opportunity to relate to the preserved woodlands and prairie landscapes.

We look forward to an ongoing collaboration with you and with other historic sites in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area as we pursue our common goals.

Best wishes for great success,

Carol Tenney
President

Black Jack Battlefield Trust
P.O. Box 44
Baldwin City, KS 66006
May 1, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

The Cass County Commission would like to express our support and enthusiasm for the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area which includes Cass County Missouri.

The Civil War activity in our County ties us strongly to Freedom's Frontier and its story and goals.

We look forward to opportunities to partner with Freedom's Frontier in historical preservation and interpretation and in tourism promotion of this fascinating and significant National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Malory
Cass County Presiding Commissioner

May 1, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

To Whom It May Concern:

Cass County Historical Society wishes to support the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area's mission of sharing and interpreting the history and stories of the Missouri-Kansas border.

Cass County recently partnered with the County Commission to develop a Burnt District Monument on the grounds of the Cass County Justice Center and will continue to partner with the county to develop that site as a place to welcome visitors and preserve our history. We are also working with the City of Harrisonville to develop new ways finding signage to direct visitors to historic sites and museums in Harrisonville.

Many Freedom's Frontier themes such as frontier life, Bleeding Kansas and the Border War, Order #11 and Reconstruction may be told at various sites in the county such as Dagyon, Pleasant Hill, Harrisonville, Fairview and Bethel. Harry Truman lived in Cass County as a young child and was active in the Indian Mission Lodge. Cole Younger and his family were prominent in the history of Harrisonville.

CCHS is actively working to develop a monument telling the story of the Border War/Civil War era to enlighten and entertain a variety of audiences in the region.

We have been active participants in the development of the Freedom's Frontier Management Plan and look forward to continued cooperation in programs, tours and networking opportunities.

Sincerely,

Carol Beld
Cass County Historical Society Executive Director

April 20, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
PO Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044-0526

Dear Leadership,

The City of Fort Scott supports the creation of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Tourism is one of our significant community values. The Fort is important to our area as it presents an envied community identification and provides attraction. Although our Chamber of Commerce manages the tourism activity, our city officials and staff know the value of that element of our economy, too. We are prepared to handle a multiplication of the present traffic to the Fort and we expect the Area creation will be one of the most important elements in its growth.

Good cooperators can be good partners when the benefit is mutual and both understand the possibilities of cooperation. Interesting how our historical (and current but bloodless) conflict can today be our asset.

Best of regards,

Burt

cc: Joe Turner, City Manager
Cynthia McFarlin, Fort Scott Tourism Director

Robert Sharp, Mayor

June 4, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter supporting the efforts of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area in developing their Management Plan to promote and protect the local and regional history found in our area.

Humboldt has a long and rich history dating back over 150 years that has shaped and created our community values which we take pride in and choose to live by. The citizens of Humboldt support and are committed to those organizations that work to promote this history and our values.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sharp
Mayor
The Power of People

April 13, 2009

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Lawrence is proud of our heritage area designation and the area’s ability to connect and tell the stories of the nation-changing events that occurred in our region before the beginning of the Civil War. If the City of Lawrence can be of further assistance, please contact City Manager David Corliss at dcorliss@lawrence.ku.edu or (785) 832-3400.

Sincerely,

Michael Dever
Mayor

Lawrence is proud of our heritage area designation and the area’s ability to connect and tell the stories of the nation-changing events that occurred in our region before the beginning of the Civil War. If the City of Lawrence can be of further assistance, please contact City Manager David Corliss at dcorliss@lawrence.ku.edu or (785) 832-3400.

Sincerely,

Michael Dever
Mayor

LEXINGTON, KANSAS

February 19, 2009

Frederick’s Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lexington, KS 66747

The City of Lexington, Missouri, and the Lexington Tourism Commission would like to express our support and enthusiasm for the Frederick’s Frontier National Heritage Area which includes historic Lexington and Lafayette County, Missouri.

Our city and county’s association with the Santa Fe Trail, the Westward Movement, the steamboat era and, of course, the Civil War ties us strongly to Frederick’s Frontier and its story and goals.

We look forward to opportunities to partner with Frederick’s Frontier in historic preservation and interpretation and in tourism promotion of this fascinating and significant National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Don Cambridge
City of Lexington Tourism Director

Mayor of Lexington
Lexington Tourism Commission

May 11, 2009

Frederick’s Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 526
Lexington, KS 66747

The City of Olathe, Kansas would like to express its support for Frederick’s Frontier National Heritage Area, which includes Mahaffie State Park and Farm Historic Site, the William J. Moms Dead-Civil War Cemetery, the Olathe Historical Society, the Mahaffie Cemetery, and the Lemon Hill Cemetery and the East 7th Farm. These historic sites help keep the stories alive of what Olathe’s citizens experienced during the Border War and Civil War.

Olathe has a rich history including the Santa Fe Trail, the cowtown at Lemon Hill where thousands of travelers along the Santa Fe, Oregon and California Trails camped. William Quantrill, raiding Olathe on September 5, 1862, and the Kansas School for the Deaf. These stories are part of Olathe’s present and future as they help give our community a collective and unique identity. We are committed to partnering with organizations who advocate preservation, interpretation and research to help provide various experiences to residents and non residents alike.

Our history organizations already have established partnerships with the Olathe Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas State Historical Society, and the Kansas Department of Commerce Division of Travel and Tourism. The Kansas State Historical Society, and Johnson County Museum of History Mahaffie State Park and Farm received a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to produce “Border War Voices”. This video is in production in cooperation with Wide Angle Films to give viewers different perspectives of people living in the Frederick’s Frontier National Heritage Area during the Border War and Civil War era. This allows viewers an opportunity to view perspectives from people who had lived here and how the Border War events affected Olathe. This serves as an example for Olathe organizations to innovate how to preserve our history.

The City of Olathe looks forward to continuing these long standing partnerships. Our partnership with Frederick’s Frontier National Heritage Area continues to be an asset to our community’s future.

Sincerely,

Assistant City Manager

(913) 971-0000 • (913) 971-8723 fax • 800 East Santa Fe, PO Box 705, Olathe, Kansas 66071-0705 • Olatheks.org

The Power of People

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Geary County Historical Society 
and Museums

538 North Avenue • PO Box 1461
Junction City, Kansas 66441
(785) 268-8708
www.gcshs.org

April 22, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

The Geary County Historical Society and Museum wholeheartedly support the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

We are located on the western border of the Heritage Area but our impact on the story of the Heritage Area is very important. Our connection to Fort Riley, Pawnee the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas, Bleeding Kansas, the Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley Military Road, Smoky Hill Trail, the Colorado Gold Rush, Western migration, Steam Boats, Stagecoach Companies, Indian and the Civil War, makes us an integral part of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

The Geary County Historical Museum will partner with other sites to promote and tell the story of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Gaylume Childs
Executive Director

The Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 133
Humboldt, KS 66744
620-473-3011

June 2, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

The Humboldt Kansas Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area which includes historic Humboldt, Kansas.

Our city's Civil War history ties us strongly to the Freedom's Frontier and its story and goals.

The Chamber looks forward to being a part of the Freedom's Frontier historical preservation and tourism opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jerry Butler
President of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce
May 26, 2000

Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

The Tourism Advisory Board would like to express its vote of support for the concept and goals of developing this project throughout the bi-state region.

Independence, also known as ‘Queen City of the Trails’, was the jumping off place for the three great routes that led the pioneer west. A key component of our tourism product is telling the story of the Oregon, Santa Fe and California Trails and the impact that made on our community and nation. We also have significant history relating to the Border Wars, the Civil War, and the early-Mormon history that relate to this project.

We understand that by joining together with other partners, sites and organizations, we can have greater impact in sharing this significant story.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tom Watson
Chairman
City of Independence
Tourism Advisory Board

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June 9, 2009

Judy Billings
FFNHA
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Judy,

The Department of Commerce, Travel and Tourism Division is committed to the development of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA). The goals of tourism development within the region align with ours and we will continue to extend our assistance through a partnership with FFNHA.

The community and county alliances formed by the heritage area strengthen the state’s ability to provide the visitor with authentic historical interpretation and quality experiences. We look forward to working with you and the regional partners in the continued development and promotion of this significant American story.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Becky Blake
Director
Travel & Tourism Division

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May 4, 2009

Judy Billings
Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Judy,

On behalf of the Kansas Humanities Council, I write this letter to express our support, enthusiasm, and confidence in the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

Like the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area, the Kansas Humanities Council believes in the power of history to create a sense of place, a sense of meaning, and a sense of purpose for citizens. Although the mission of Freedom’s Frontier is specific to the 1850s struggles for freedom in western Missouri and eastern Kansas, the Kansas Humanities Council can help by:

- Supporting local, grassroots-level, contemporary research.
- Providing opportunities for meaningful dialogue through symposiums, exhibitions, and other public programming methods.
- Encouraging individual reflection on the stories and themes presented.

We look forward to ongoing opportunities and future possibilities to work together.

Cordially,

[Signature]

Julia Mohr
Executive Director
Protecting and preserving lands of ecological, scenic, historic, agricultural, or recreational significance in Kansas.

April 15, 2009
Judy Billings, President & CEO
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Judy,

The Kansas Land Trust (KLT) has an 18-year history of developing and monitoring 32 conservation easements on 0.990 acres in 13 counties including Cass County, Missouri. Our newest goal is to double this acreage, and we are currently working on an unprecedented 12 conservation easements that will protect some 9,600 acres. One focus area is in the highly scenically Flint Hills region, the largest remaining stronghold of tallgrass prairie in North America.1 Today, less than four percent of an original 140 million acres of tallgrass prairie remains—a substantial part of that land lies within the Kansas Flint Hills.2

Another KLT focus area is the Kansas River corridor, one of the crucial linkages tying together the history, culture, and landscape of our region.

Not surprisingly, you can envision many excellent opportunities for the mission and activities of KLT to complement that of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. Of course, we have already discussed the possibility for conservation easements on properties surrounding the Black Jack Battlefield in Douglas County. You are also aware of the project we are pursuing with the KCT Commission to protect land in the near-by Baldwin Woods, designated a National Natural Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in 1986. Other future partnership opportunities might include a common focus on protecting lands along the many historic trails and transport routes that once traversed Kansas—we got many yearly visitors from trailblazers with double wagon ruts, historic buildings, and Native American burial and archeological sites on their land.

Thank you so much for your continued commitment to protecting our history, culture, and landscape. We wish you the best in submitting the Management Plan you have all worked so hard on—we look forward to implementing it with you in the near future!

Sincerely yours,

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The Power of People

February 23, 2009

Ms. Judy Billings, Trustee and Treasurer
Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Billings,

The University of Kansas Biological Station and Ecological Reserves (KBS) was established in 1947 for varied purposes that promote broad categories of ecological stewardship, scientific research, and public environmental education. Administered by the Kansas Biological Survey, its various land holdings have grown over time to now encompass approximately 3,600 acres in several tracts scattered across northeast Kansas.

The origins of KBS can be traced back to Dr. Charles Robinson, who was not only instrumental in helping to establish the Aboriginal community of Lawrence in 1834 but also later became the state's first elected governor. He donated stands of the land called Mount Oread that would become the main campus of the University of Kansas. Upon the death of his widow, Saria, in 1911 another 200 acres north of Lawrence was donated to the university that now make up two of KBS's original and most valuable tracts, the Pitch Natural History Reservation and Robinson Experimental Tract. Both are extensively used for cultural and environmental education as well as for purposes of research, and are accessible by means of more than three miles of public nature trails.

In many cases KBS lands function primarily to preserve seriously imperiled natural areas including remnant parcels of original prairie and old growth forest, and are managed very carefully for that purpose. For example, KBS stewards 202 acres of diverse old growth forest near Baldwin located far from the Civil Wars-era Blackjack battlefield site. Comprising some of the last of the forest type left in the entire state, this site was designated a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior in 1981.

A mere 150 years ago the tallgrass prairie ecosystem covered nearly 140 million acres in North America, and is an integral part of our nation's history and the American frontier story. Today less than 5% of this once vast natural landscape remains, and a full two-thirds of what is now left is found in Kansas. Combining stories of prairie have particularly occurred in northwest Kansas and the location of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, where recent natural heritage

Yours sincerely,

Scott W. Campbell, Associate Director
University of Kansas Field Station and Ecological Reserves

February 27, 2009

Ms. Judy Billings,
President and CEO
Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 586
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Judy,

We are writing to express our strong interest in collaborating with you and others in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area in a long-range project. We propose working with a variety of diverse contemporary artists from the region and around the world who would create works of art in response to different sites across the forty-one counties in Kansas and Missouri that comprise this Heritage Area.

The sites would be places that are “hot” with history and stories, both living and buried. Sites could include, for example, the Alkali Lake homesteads that were submerged by the construction of Clinton Lake in Lawrence in 1980. Artists would respond to the sites and their histories and bring a variety of perspectives, offering renewal and other points, intimate engagement for visitors. The art and ideas that this project would generate within the spaces, towns, and cities of the Freedom's Frontier Heritage Area will enliven debates and vital historical research with new experiences for area citizens and others. The artists and these site-based works of art would also help to advance a dialogue about “borders” and this region, addressing both historical and contemporary issues.

Artists responding to historic sites is a vital contemporary activity that has engaged audiences around the world in the past several years. We believe that this project would expand the national profile of Freedom's Frontier and engage its citizens in a new level of reflection upon the issues that the Heritage Area raises. The artists would advance our knowledge and understanding while also urging us to experience new perspectives on the richness of this region and its place in history.

Many strong programs and several exhibitions are in the planning phases with the Biodiversity Research Institute, one of our collection and research partners. Projects and future directions that involve both of us may prove to be fruitful as Freedom’s Frontier expresses the interactions of nature and culture.

We look forward to exploring these ideas and other possible collaborations with you.

We are eager to provide more details and continue this conversation.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Rees Hardy, Director
Lexington Library and Historical Association
P.O. Box 121
Lexington, Mo. 64067
February 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lexington Historical Association is happy to support Lafayette Co. in the Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area. Education about the Civil War times and early settlers and immigrants in the Lexington area are an important part of our focus. Working together is such a logical and useful thing to do. Our community has dedicated people working to promote our historic and modern appeal.

Sincerely,

Mike Kramer
President,
Lexington Historical Association

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Louisburg Chamber of Commerce
S. 2nd Street, Suite 220 – P.O. Box 264, Louisburg, KS 66053
Telephone 913-837-2825 Email: chamber@louisburgkansas.com www.louisburgkansas.com

June 6, 2009

Judy Billings, Executive Director
Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 520
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Billings,

The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce wishes to express our support and enthusiasm for Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. We have supported the Heritage Area since it was first proposed and are very excited about it. Our community is located within the Bleeding Kansas area.

Thank you very much for all the great work you have put into this wonderful project.

Sincerely,

Patty Borner, Executive Director

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Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau

June 5, 2009

Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area
P. O. Box 220
Lawrence, KS 66044

The Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau lend our full support for the Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area which includes Manhattan and Riley County, Kansas.

Our community is rich in Freedom's Frontier history. Manhattan's founding fathers were committed to being free states. History abounds with the nearby Santa Fe, Oregon and Military Trails, all telling the story of our early pioneers and settlers. Nearby Ft. Riley began as a fort to protect the settlers as they traveled west. Education has also been a part of our early beginnings with Manhattan serving as home to our country's first land grant university, Kansas State.

We anticipate wonderful opportunities to partner with Freedom's Frontier in historical preservation and interpretation. To learn more about our organization, visit our website.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chisolm, Director
Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau
May 4, 2009

Ms. Judy Billings
President and CEO
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 586
Lawrence, KS 66644

Dear Judy,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area. I believe it is imperative to partner in efforts to preserve our history and share the stories of our past.

As a convention and visitors bureau, our number one goal is to increase visitation to our community. The Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area allows us to market our community to an entire new segment of visitors, as well as enhance the discoveries of those already visiting for other purposes. Providing a platform on which to share the stories of our enduring struggle for freedom is truly a gift to share with visitors for many years to come.

As the designated representative from the City of Merriam and Merriam Visitors Bureau, I will continue to pledge my support in event attendance and participation, marketing the heritage area and assisting in the collaborative planning process.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Crane, Director
Merriam Visitors Bureau
City of Merriam, Kansas

27 May 2009

Frederick Brown
Director, Merriam Genealogy Center

June 10, 2009

Judy Billings, President & CEO
Destination Management, Inc.
Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau
Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
PO Box 586
647 New Hampshire, Suite 200C
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Ms. Billings:

Thank you for your dedicated efforts with the Civil War initiative through Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA). Missouri Division of Tourism applauds the work completed to date. Our state is marketing tourism to this special niche of visitors through a campaign, Where the Civil War Began, focused on the Civil War Sesquicentennial and we appreciate the assistance of your organization in this arena. Missouri Division of Tourism is impressed with the FFNHA management plan and will continue to support Freedom’s Frontier. We are looking forward to continued communication and the many visitors it should help us to attract to our area.

Sincerely,

R.D. "Bob" Smith, Interim Director
Missouri Division of Tourism

RS:d
Monticello Community Historical Society
P.O. Box 60283
Shawnee, KS 66286-0283
(913) 667-4116

May 20, 2009

Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area Trustee
(c/o CEO, Destination Management, Inc.)
607 New Hampshire St., Suite 200C
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: U.S. National Park Service Support for FFNHA - 2009 Master Plan

Since 1837, the Monticello Community provided regional thought leadership that protected our cultural heritage legacies. Sister organizations enable our innovative grassroots programs to create a shared sense of place. This support empowers collaborative community stewardship.

This region's river-based history includes indigenous tribes that influenced early settlers of Monticello Township in north central Johnson County, Kansas. The Shawnee Tribe guided our area's agricultural heritage. The historic California Road (Fremont Trail) from Westport westward to the Wakarusa Watershed traversed our Kaw Valley ridgelines. James Butler Hickok, early resident, was elected President of Monticello in 1838.

As an FFNHA Partner, MCHS, Inc. intends to reassert our social capital (documented research, knowledge, skills, abilities) to support and enhance the mission of FFNHA.

We anticipate reciprocal support from our ongoing mutually-beneficial relationship with FFNHA. Embedded in a brief history overview with Monticello Milestones.

Regards,

Bertha C. Cameron, President
Monticello Community Historical Society
(913) 667-2871
6050 Miss Rd.
Shawnee, KS 66216

Monticello Community Historical Society, Inc. (MCHS)

OBJECTIVE: To qualify selected MCHS historic sites as FFNHA multi-generational education program at our Monticello Historical Station's Interpretive Center.

THEME: People, places and changes over time (1780-1880)

TIMELINE: Westport to Wakarusa Trails n' Tales 1821-1858.

MCHS historic site development priorities:
- Monticello Historical Station Interpretive Center collaborative programs
- Chouteau Ferry Crossing Rendezvous/Fall Festival renovations
- Virginia School National Historic Register group tour visits
- KSHS Geiger House Interpretive Center Collaborative programs
- River Mouse Club adaptive outdoor recreation experiences
- Camp Naoh Eco-Challenge events near Tiblow Ferry Crossings
- Guide DeSoto VFW Post 6654 James C. Fremont Interpretive Center
- Empower Haskell Indian Nations University Native Voices Education Center

Mound City Historical Society
P.O. Box 231
Mound City, Kansas 66054

April 17, 2009

Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

The Mound City Historical Society and other Leavenworth County, Kansas, entities have participated as a partner since the inception of the Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Our history of Indian removal and the Saugeen Massacre, territorial and border war involvement, underground railroad and abolitionist activity, women's rights, civil war involvement, and the many struggles for freedom throughout our community's existence ties us closely to all of the Frederick's Frontier National Area themes.

We look forward to continued opportunities for the preservation and enhancement of these stories as they relate not only to us but to our nation's history, present and future. Thus, we offer our enthusiastic support of this significant National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Mary Ashby
President
Mound City Historical Society

City of Independence

National Frontier Trails Center
2101 West Pacific, Independence, Missouri 64050
Phone: (816) 232-1570, Fax: (816) 232-7570
An Equal Opportunity Employer

April 20, 2009

Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area
Box 526
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

The National Frontier Trails Museum (NFTM) is pleased to be an active participant in the planning process for the Frederick's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Located in historic Independence, Missouri, the NFTM interprets for visitors the features and national ramifications of the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails, as well as the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. All of those nationally recognized trails began or passed through Independence, and the NFTM is the only museum in the nation which focuses on all four and their tremendous impact on American History.

We look forward to the completion of the Management Plan, and many years of collaboration with our partner museums, sites, and organizations.

Sincerely,

John Mark Lamberton
Director and Archivist

A Community in Eastern Jackson County
June 9, 2009

Ms Judy Billings, Executive Director
Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Billings,

The Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce wishes to express our support and enthusiasm for Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area. Our community is part of this area and we have been involved with Native American Bleeding Kansas freedom issues which directly tie us to the Heritage Area.

We look forward to opportunities to partner with Freedom’s Frontier in historic preservation, interpretation and tourism promotion of our fascinating and significant National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

The Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce
Jessica Shaddox
Executive Director
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Osawatomie, KS 66061
Phone/Fax (785) 755-4114

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June 8, 2009

Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

To Whom It May Concern:

Riley County is pleased to express its support for the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

Riley County holds a rich history and many resources which connect to the stories and themes of Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area. We look forward to the many opportunities the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area gives our County to preserve, interpret, and develop our resources for the benefit of our people.

Sincerely,

Riley County Board of Commissioners

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April 22, 2000

To Whom It May Concern,

The Partners of the First Territorial Capital enthusiastically support the creation of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

We believe that this is where the "Civil War Began" because there was no important compromise on slavery after the territorial legislature adjourned from Pawnee on June 7, 1855 and moved the territorial capital to Shawnee Indian Mission on the Missouri Border. "Bleeding Kansas" that followed in the next that led to the Civil War.

We are located on the western frontier of the Heritage Area and our impact on the story of the Heritage Area is very important. Our connection to Fort Riley, past and the First Territorial Capital of Kansas, Bleeding Kansas, the Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley Military Road, Smoky Hill Trail, the Colorado Gold Rush, Western migration, Steam Bats, Stagecoach Companies, Indian and the Civil War, makes us an integral part of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

The Partners of the First Territorial Capital will partner with other sites to promote and tell the story of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gaylind Childs
President of the Partners of the First Territorial Capital

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June 3, 2009

Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

To Whom It May Concern:

The Riley County Historical Society is pleased to offer its support for the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area.

The Riley County Historical Society was founded in 1914 to preserve and present the history of Riley County. Riley County history connects in many, many ways to the themes and stories of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (PFNHA). We have been pleased to work with individuals and institutions from the other forty-six counties in PFNHA to help establish the Heritage Area and we look forward to continuing our partnerships with all who are part of this effort.

We look forward to the opportunities that Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area will give our community to continue to preserve and present our history.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Adene Hopkins
President
Riley County Historical Society
To Whom It May Concern:

The Riley County Historical Museum is very pleased to support the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. Our Museum has been a partner in the effort to develop this National Heritage Area and we look forward to future work with the many other Heritage Area partners. We will continue to develop exhibits and educational programs, improve collections, help preserve buildings, and find other ways to deepen our understanding of the themes of the Heritage Area and make them accessible to the public. The process of beginning Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area has been exciting and has opened up a wealth of connections and information to us. We look forward to the opportunities that continued development of the Heritage Area will bring.

Sincerely,

D. Cheryl Collins
Dinner
Riley County Historical Museum

TO: Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

Subject: TO FREEDOM'S FRONTIER

From: Eileen Robertson (brad@co.riley.kans.us)

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TO: Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

June 3, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Having worked with Judy Hillings and others since 1997 in combined interest in the "Enduring struggles for freedom" among Kansans and Missourians, I have learned that our commitment and content have universal import. Our grassroots energy and time have contributed to our individual and collective growth and will continue to bless our nation and the world.

I am pleased to be a member of the FFNIIA! Scenic Trails and an active member and recent Hamboldt's Civil War Days," a triennial event that commemorates many stories to Freedom's Frontier. I am also a member of Hamboldt's Historical Society and Museum, Allen County Historical Society and Museum, Southeast Kansas Tourism Region, Hamboldt's Citizens in Action, Hamboldt's Chamber of Commerce, WE KAN, and a Kansas Explorer.

I am very pleased to report that Hamboldt, a Territorial Kansas town established in 1857, is becoming more aware of its heritage. There has been financial, mental, and physical support from Hamboldt's industries, civic organizations, and individuals. It will be the continuing commitment of our community that will help sustain FFNIIA and its many partners.

Sincerely,

Eileen Robertson

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April 24, 2009

Judy Billing, President and CEO
Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 586
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Ms. Billing:

I am writing to express our interest in collaborating with Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area. As an institution of higher learning, located in Kansas's "First City," we are well aware of the wonderful heritage of the Lawrence area, and of our obligation to provide the world with knowledge of that heritage. We believe that our work with FFNHA and its various partners will be a major step in that direction.

Thank you for your leadership in this project.

Sincerely,

Bryan F. Le Basa
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Professor of History

FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

May 6, 2009

Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 6604

To Whom It May Concern:

The mission of the Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area is to present the history of Fremont and the Fremonts from the Native American period through the twentieth century by means of the Old Fort Fremont State Site and the Fremont Visitors Center. The Society is committed to utilizing the history of Fremont and from the Native American period through the twentieth century by means of the Old Fort Fremont State Site in order to bring the history of Fremont and its Native American heritage to the public.

With the above statement as an integral part of our foundation documents, we are well aware that this organization was a major supporter of the Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area. Many of our local states are vitally important to the understanding of Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area, and as the Heritage Area evolves, we will explore ways to maintain our active presence and strong advocacy.

With best regards,

[Signature]

President, Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area

FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

June 4, 2009

Attn: Julie Langer
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, KS 6604

To Whom It May Concern:

The Waukella Museum Association is proud to support the Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area. We feel it is important for our generations to convey our unique history to the younger generation. This younger generation needs to know about the area and why the story of the Fremont National Heritage Area is so important to our community. They need to be aware of the contributions these sites made to Kansas history and to the struggle for freedom in the Kansas Territory, as well as the contributions made by Kansas to American History. A failure to teach the younger generation this information would mean a loss of our history and that, we believe, would be disastrous.

Our Museum will continue to preserve the history of our area and community, and we will continue to preserve the memorabilia and records of that history, as we have done for the last 30 years. We will make every effort to encourage visitors to our museum to visit other sites in the Heritage Area in order to learn more about Kansas' contribution to this nation's history and its struggle for freedom.

We are pleased to be a part of the Fremont's Frontier National Heritage Area.

[Signature]

President, Waukella Museum Association

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The Power of People
The Wyandot Nation of Kansas

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Ms. Judy Billings
Director and CEO
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 585
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Judy,

We, the Wyandot Nation of Kansas, strongly support Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area. Our ancestors were forced into this area as part of the Permanent Indian Frontier; we lived through and participated in many of the same struggles as our neighbors. We witnessed the changes in the landscape from woods and prairies to large cities. Our community and Nation split over the issue of slavery before the Territory was organized. Part of our tribe continued our involvement with the Underground Railroad which we had helped with in Ohio. When the Territory opened for settlement we lost a great deal, as did many of our Native brothers and sisters.

We are committed to telling our story and are grateful for the opportunity to be part of Freedom Frontier Heritage Area. As part of the Heritage Area we can tell at least one story of what happened to the people who were here before “Bleeding Kansas” and throughout the conflicts that followed. Through sharing all our stories and all our points of view we can be part of a healing process for our region. Our pain, suffering and grief are shared with many other groups, cultures and races. In a sense that is what unites all of our stories. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of the sharing and healing process that helps make up Freedom Frontier Heritage Area. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

For Our People,

Janith K. Englin, Principal Chief
The Wyandot Nation of Kansas