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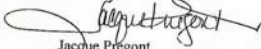
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The Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce, Atchison, Kansas is pleased to support the goals and mission of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. The Atchison community has embraced our heritage in many ways. Our railroad history, Lewis & Clark's 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,



Jacquie Pregont
President, Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce



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 interests from across the region to celebrate and share our common heritage enhances all of the partner organizations 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 regions historic ties. 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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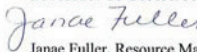
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Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

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,

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS



Janae Fuller, Resource Manager
Battle of Lexington State Historic Site

Black Jack Battlefield Trust

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May 27, 2009

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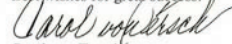
The Black Jack Battlefield Trust is committed to the same goals as the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, and is eager to partner with all of the other historic sites in the heritage area. We are eager to tell our part of the Freedom story in a manner which will create a cohesive experience for 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 Ivan 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 von Tersch
President

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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,


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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 wayfinding 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 venues in the county such as Dayton, Pleasant Hill, Harrisonville, Freeman and Belton. Harry Truman lived in Cass County as a young child and was active in the Belton Masonic Lodge. Cole Younger and his family were prominent in the history of Harrisonville.

CCHS is actively working to develop dramas 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 Bohl
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 competitors 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,


Bunncc: Joe Turner, City Manager
Cynthia McFarlin, Fort Scott Tourism DirectorDale Bunn, Director of Economic Development, City of Fort Scott
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June 4, 2009

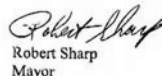
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

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 from 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



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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@cl.lawrence.ks.us or (785) 832-3400.

Sincerely,

Michael Dever
Mayor

April 13, 2009

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) of Kansas and Missouri and the management plan that has been recently completed. I am pleased to offer the commitment of the City of Lawrence to creating a successful and thriving National Heritage Area.

The City of Lawrence has a unique connection to the founding of FFNHA and we are proud to continue support of the area. The community's support pre-dates 2002 and was recorded when the City Commission and Douglas County Commission appointed a committee, chaired by Deanell Tacha, to explore the feasibility of establishing a heritage area in Douglas County. For more than six years, local and regional volunteers have dedicated service to creating a national heritage area.

In June 2007, the city contributed \$25,000 to the development of a management plan. The city has supported the work of Judy Billings, Convention and Visitor Bureau Director, and her leadership role in the process to secure the designation. In addition, staff dedicated to the FFNHA has been funded using city guest tax collections.

Currently, the city is working to renovate the Carnegie Library with space dedicated to the FFNHA welcome center. A Save America's Treasure Grant has been secured and work continues to renovate and restore the building. The renovation was recently the city's top priority when applying for state grants. The project takes an existing unusable community asset, located in the heart of downtown, and renovates the facility to become a Visitors Welcome Center run by the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the home of FFNHA. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,545,356.

Lawrence is proud of our historic preservation efforts. In 2007, Lawrence added three properties to its register of Historic Places including 169 buildings and structures in the Oread Historic District. Adopted design guidelines guide development in Downtown Lawrence to preserve and protect historic elements and foster economic vitality.



We are committed to providing excellent city services that enhance the quality of life for the Lawrence community



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February 19, 2009

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

The City of Lexington, Missouri, and the Lexington Tourism Commission would like to express our support and enthusiasm for the Freedom'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 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,

Dan Cambridge
City of Lexington Tourism Director

c: Mayor of Lexington
Lexington Tourism Commission



May 11, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 526
Lawrence, KS 66044

The City of Olathe, Kansas would like to express its support for Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, which includes Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site, the William J Marra Deaf Cultural Center, the Olathe Historical Society, the Olathe City Cemetery, the Lone Elm Campground and the Ensor Farm. These history organizations 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 campground at Lone Elm where thousands of travelers along the Santa Fe, Oregon and California Trails camped, William Quantrill raiding Olathe on September 6, 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 tourism to help provide visitor experiences to residents and non residents alike.

Our history organizations already have established partnerships with the Olathe Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Kansas Department of Commerce Division of Travel and Tourism, the Kansas State Historical Society, and Johnson County Museum of History. Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm received a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to produce 'Border War Voices'. This video is produced in cooperation with Wide Awake Films to give visitors different perspectives of people living in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area during the Border War and Civil War era. This allows visitors 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 visitors experience history.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Shupman
Assistant City Manager

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Historic Lexington...A Stroll Through The Past



EXPLORE Fort Scott

April 15, 2009

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

Dear Friends,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate to you our support and commitment to your efforts.

From a tourism point of view, this effort has provided tremendous marketing opportunities for all 42 counties in the area already and will continue to do so in the future. I am experiencing this already with Voices from the Quilts (March 2010). This network is allowing us to take a local event and promote regional participation.

As a resident of Kansas, the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area effort offers unlimited educational opportunities to residents and visitors alike. Understanding the past events that cause continued misunderstandings and hard feelings on both sides of our state border allow us to look at international situations with a different perspective. We can hope one of the by-products of this project will be increased understanding and acceptance of others and consideration of their thoughts and opinions.

We will include the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area logo (when available) and link on our website and allow staff to participate in the monthly meetings. We are also ready to consider specific financial requests in our regular budget process.

Most sincerely,

Cynthia McFarlin
Director of Tourism

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Geary County Historical Society and Museums

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April, 22, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

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

We are located on the western frontier 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 Capital 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,

Gaylynn Childs
Gaylynn Childs
Executive Director

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United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Harry S Truman National Historic Site
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In Reply Refer To:

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May 27, 2009

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

Acknowledging that:

1. All National Heritage Areas conservation efforts are grounded in a community's pride in its history, traditions, cultural legacy, and their involvement in retaining the traditional surroundings of its landscapes.
2. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is an internationally recognized region in western Missouri and eastern Kansas where a young nation's diverse definitions of freedom collided in the 1860's.
3. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area offers compelling stories, and potential interpretive and learning opportunities for visitors and residents of all ages, to understand this bi-state region's relationship to the nation's history.
4. By demonstrating support for the Kansas and Missouri Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, the National Park Service meets a requirement of a portion of its core mission by cooperating with and providing assistance to our local community partners.

Harry S Truman National Historic Site in Independence, Missouri would like to express its vote of support for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Larry Villalva
Larry Villalva
Superintendent

The Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 133 Humboldt, Ks. 66874 620-473-3011

June 3, 2009

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

The Humboldt Kansas Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the Freedom's 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,

Terry Butts

Terry Butts
President of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce.

City of Independence

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May 26, 2009

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 pioneers 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,

Tom Waters, Chairman
City of Independence
Tourism Advisory Board

Johnson County Historical Society

Mary Miller Smajter Heritage Library & Museum
Old Courthouse - One Room School
302 North Main
Warrensburg, MO 64093

June 8, 2009

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

On behalf of the Johnson County Historical Society Board of Directors we wish to issue the following letter of commitment for the creation of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area—a bi-state effort to document and exhibit for future generations, the historical significance of the entire region.

Whereas, Johnson County, Missouri was a county organized in 1834 and

Whereas, its organization was prior to the difference of opinion between Missourians and Kansans resulting in the Border Conflict and

Whereas, Marsh Foster, newly elected Unionist county clerk was killed by a political opponent in February of 1861 and

Whereas, both Confederate and Union armies raised troops from the populace of Johnson County, Missouri and

Whereas, numerous sites in the county were adversely affected by this terrible internecine war,

Whereas, the "Old Courthouse" square was a bivouac site for Union Troops, especially the 9th Kansas Cavalry, and

Whereas, the Johnson County Historical Society was formed in 1920 to preserve and protect the history of the county in perpetuity and

Whereas, the Johnson County Historical Society Board of Directors are committed to the ideas inherent in the Freedom's Frontier NHA management plan,

Therefore, The Johnson County Historical Society Board of Directors is committed to supporting the Freedom's Frontier Heritage Area concept and encourages Congress to establish the so named Heritage Area.



Cordially,

Jack Landers
Board of Directors
Lisa Irle
Curator

FFNHA Ambassadors to Johnson County, Missouri

KANSAS

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Mark Parkinson, Governor
David D. Kerr, Secretary
KansasCommerce.com

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,

Becky Blake, Director
Travel & Tourism Division

May 4, 2009

Judy Billings
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
PO Box 586
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 story 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 diverse 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,

Julie Mulvihill
Executive Director

KANSAS

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April 15, 2009

Judy Billings, President & CEO
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Dear Judy,

The Kansas Land Trust (KLT) has an 18-year history of developing and monitoring 32 conservation easements on 6,090 acres in 13 counties including Cass County, Missouri. Our near-term 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 threatened Flint Hills ecoregion, 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—two-thirds 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, one 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 ECO² Commission to protect land in the nearby Baldwin Woods, designated a National Natural Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in 1980. Other future partnership opportunities might include a common focus on protecting lands along the many historic trail and transport routes that once transected Kansas—we get many yearly inquiries from landowners with visible 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 landscapes. 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,

Jason Fizell
Executive Director

¹ Klinkenberg, Verlyn. "Splendor of the Grass." *National Geographic Magazine*. April 2007. 26 March 2009 <<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2007/04/tallgrass-prairie>>.

² Brown, Heather. "Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve." *National Park Service*. 16 January 2006. 26 March 2009 <www.nps.gov/npsr>.

³ Nolden, Charrie and Barth Crouch. "SAFE Habitat for Upland Game Birds." *Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks*. 2 September 2008.



April 24, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area,

I'm continually impressed with the dedication and commitment of your group to take advantage of being a national heritage area.

The mission of the Kansas Sampler Foundation is to preserve and sustain rural culture so it is clear that our purposes are overlapping.

We will be glad to help educate the world about FFNHA as well as individual communities and attractions involved through our Kansas Sampler Festival, Kansas Explorers Club and newsletter, and many programs. I'm sure there will be many ways to connect through the rural tourism initiative.

We are not a marketing group but an educational non-profit who works to educate the world about Kansas and network and support rural communities with grassroots efforts. Both objectives fit great with the work of FFNHA.

Public nominations will open for the 8 Wonders of Kansas History in March 2010 so we'll have to work together on that.

Wishing you the best as you go forward.

Sincerely,

Marci Penner, Director
Kansas Sampler Foundation



Kansas Historical Society
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director

MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR

June 9, 2009

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

On behalf of the Kansas Historical Society, I would like to extend our support and interest in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area efforts.

We support Freedom's Frontier's mission to tell the stories that contribute to our area's national and individual freedoms. The message is similar to our agency's mission—to enrich people's lives by connecting them to the past. We hope these efforts help to build an awareness of the important role Kansas played in our nation's history.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Jennie Chinn
Executive Director



March 25, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Billings,

The University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute, including its Natural History Museum, is pleased to be a formal partner in the efforts of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA).

We have a storied history of research in Kansas and the Great Plains documented by our extensive archaeological and biological collections. Current and future research, education and exhibition endeavors will continue to build upon these strong natural and cultural components of the national heritage area, particularly our interdisciplinary efforts encompassing the interactions between natural and human systems and their reciprocal impacts. We look forward to working closely with the KU Spencer Museum of Art and other FFNHA partners in helping to achieve the region's vision, mission and guiding principles. We will designate a formal representative who will attend the FFNHA meetings, participate in the planning process and coordinate our involvement in the implementation of the plan. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the FFNHA.

Sincerely,

Leonard Krishalka
Director

The University of Kansas

Kansas Biological Survey

February 23, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Billings:

The University of Kansas Field Station and Ecological Reserves (KSR) 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 3,400 acres in several tracts scattered across northeast Kansas.

The origins of KSR can be traced back to Dr. Charles Robinson, who was not only instrumental in helping to establish the abolitionist community of Lawrence in 1854 but also later became the state's first elected governor. He donated much of the land called Mount Oread that would become the main campus of the University of Kansas. Upon the death of his widow, Sara, in 1911 another 700 acres north of Lawrence was donated to the university that now make up two of KSR's original and most valuable tracts, the Fitch 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 KSR 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, KSR stewards 202 acres of diverse old growth forest near Baldwin located not far from the Civil War-era Blackhawk battlefield site. Comprising some of the last of this forest type left in the entire state, this site was designated a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior, in 1980.

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 4% of this once vast natural landscape remains, and a full two-thirds of what is now left is found in Kansas. Continuing losses of prairie have particularly occurred in northeast Kansas and the location of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, where recent natural heritage

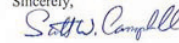
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inventories by the Kansas Biological Survey have shown that many areas including Douglas, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Leavenworth and Miami counties have considerably less than 1% of their original extent of prairie remaining.

To the scientist these prairie remnants serve as important places for study, reservoirs of biodiversity, and essential habitats for hundreds of species of plants and animals. The earliest Native Americans made their entire living from the prairie, fashioning tools, hunting elk and bison, gathering edible plants and tending gardens. European explorers, trappers, and traders crisscrossed the prairie in search of knowledge and personal wealth. Settlers also crossed it in their covered wagons leading to today's worldwide popular understanding of the American West. It is difficult to appreciate the vastness of the prairie landscape, the richness of Native American cultures, or the determination of those who traveled the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails unless we have seen the prairie.

For these and other reasons the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area will be a very welcome partner and a vehicle for balanced promotion and protection of the region. Its creation offers many exciting opportunities for collaboration in developing projects to facilitate the interpretation, education, and preservation of our area's natural values and diverse cultural themes. We confirm our strong support and look forward however we can in assisting it to flourish.

Sincerely,



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



February March 27, 2009

Ms. Judy Billings
President and CEO
Freedom'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 Abolitionist 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 often poetic, 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 vivify 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,



Saralyn Reece Hardy, Director



The LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lecompton, Kansas 66050

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May 17, 2009
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lecompton Historical Society enthusiastically endorses the mission and vision statements of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. The stories and displays will educate the general public to the importance and major impact this regional area had on the history of the United States.

The historical events which occurred in Lecompton during the 1850's changed the course of history for the United States. The stories told in the 41 counties are intertwined with courage and bravery depending each individuals point of view of the political crisis of the time.

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area has been and continues to be a grass roots organization. This allows for individual communities to feel they are a significant player in the future success of the heritage area.

The Lecompton Historical Society has supported the writing of the management plan and will continue to be an active partner and strong advocate of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Bahnmaier

Paul M. Bahnmaier
Lecompton Historical Society, President

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

Mike Kramer
President,
Lexington Historical Association

Sunday, May 17, 2009 America Online: Lanemuseum



Louisburg Chamber of Commerce

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June 9, 2009

Judy Billings, Executive Director
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
POB 526
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 in to this wonderful project.

Sincerely,

Patsy Bortner
Patsy Bortner, Executive Director



June 5, 2009

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

The Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau lend our full support for the Freedom's 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 staters. History abounds with the nearby Santa Fe, Oregon and Military Trails, all telling the history and struggles of our early pioneers and settlers. Nearby Ft. Riley began for protection of 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. Tourism will be boosted as together we help tell the fascinating story of our Freedom's Frontier.

Sincerely,

Karen Hibbard

Karen Hibbard, Director
Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau



VISITORS BUREAU

May 4, 2009

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

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 in 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 meeting 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

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27 May 2009

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

The Midwest Genealogy Center of the Mid-Continent Public Library would like to express our enthusiastic support for the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Our library system covers three counties in Missouri: Jackson, Clay, and Platte. With 30 branches in almost as many communities in those counties, our heritage is a part of the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails, the Mormon movement, the steamboat era, and the Civil War era. Families come to our Midwest Genealogy Center to discover their own heritage and how their ancestors fit into our nation's rich history. The Freedom's Frontier is part of that heritage.

We look forward to opportunities to partner with museums, historic sites, libraries, and other organizations in this initiative.

Sincerely,

Janice Schultz
Director, Midwest Genealogy Center

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June 10, 2009

Judy Billings, President & CEO
Destination Management, Inc.
Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
PO Box 526
947 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.B. Bob Smith, Interim Director
Missouri Division of Tourism

RS:dl



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May 1, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Lawrence, KS 66044

To Whom It May Concern:

The Missouri-Kansas Border War Network wishes to express its support for the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area's efforts to share, preserve and interpret the stories of the experiences of those living through the events from 1854 to 1865 in western Missouri and eastern Kansas.

The BWN is an active group of some twenty members from both states who meet monthly, maintain a website (www.moksbwn.net) which includes some fifty podcasts on Border War topics, and promote education, research, signage, tours and networking to tell the history of the 1850s and 1860s in this area.

The BWN has already proven its support by donating funds to FFNHA the past two years, and many of its members are active in the FFNHA meetings and on the steering committee.

We look forward to working with FFNHA in the future and supporting its efforts.

Sincerely,

Carol Bohl
President, Missouri/Kansas Border War Network



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Monticello Community Historical Society

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May 20, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area Trustees
c/o CEO, Destination Management, Inc.
947 New Hampshire St., Suite 200C
Lawrence, KS 66044

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

Since 1857, 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 constable of Monticello in 1858.

As an FFNHA Partner, MCHS, Inc. intends to reinvest 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. Enclosed is a brief history overview with Monticello Milestones.

Regards,

Bertha O. Cameron

Bertha Cameron, President
Monticello Community Historical Society,
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Shawnee, KS 66226

Monticello Community Historical Society, Inc. (MCHS)

OBJECTIVE: To qualify selected MCHS historic sites as FFNHA multi-generational education programs 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 reenactments
- Virginia School National Historic Register group tour visits
- KSHS Grinter House Interpretive Center collaborative programs
- River Mouse Club adaptive outdoor recreation experiences
- Camp Naish 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 66056

April 17, 2009

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

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

Our history of Indian removal and the Sugar Creek Mission, 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 Freedom'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 Asher
Mary Asher
President
Mound City Historical Society

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

April 20, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Lawrence, KS 66044

The National Frontier Trails Museum (NFTM) is pleased to be an active participant in the planning process for the Freedom'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 Lambertson
John Mark Lambertson
Director and Archivist



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 Osawatimie 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 Osawatimie Chamber of Commerce
Jessica Shaddox
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Partners of the First Territorial Capitol, Inc.

P.O. Box 2122 - Ft. Riley, KS 66442
(785) 784-5535



April, 22, 200

To Whom It May Concern,

The Partners of the First Territorial Capitol 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 compromises on slavery after the territorial legislature adjourned from Pawnee on July 6, 1855 and moved the territorial capital to Shawnee Indian Mission on the Missouri Border. "Bleeding Kansas" that followed is the fuse that led to the Civil War.

We are located on the western frontier 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 Capital 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 Partners of the First Territorial Capitol will partner with other sites to promote and tell the story of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Gaylynn Childs
President of the Partners of the First Territorial Capitol

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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

Chairman

Member

Member

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The Riley County Historical Society and Museum



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June 3, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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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 (FFNHA). We have been pleased to work with individuals and institutions from the other forty one counties in FFNHA to help establish the Heritage Area and we look forward to continued partnership 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,

Arlene Hopkins
President
Riley County Historical Society



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June 3, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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 available 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

D. Cheryl Collins

Director

Riley County Historical Museum

TO: Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

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Julie Lenger

From: Eileen Robertson [ksadvocate@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 7:16 AM
To: Julie Lenger
Subject: TO FREEDOM'S FRONTIER
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TO: Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
June 3, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Having worked with Judy Billings and others since 1999 in combined interest in the "Enduring struggles for freedom" among Kansans and Missourians, I have learned that our commitment and content have universal impact. Our grass roots 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 FFNHA Steering Committee and an active member and reenactor in "Humboldt's Civil War Days," a triennial event that contributes many stories to Freedom's Frontier. I am also a member of Humboldt's Historical Society and Museum; Allen County Historical Society and Museum, Southeast Kansas Tourism Region; Humboldt's Citizens in Action; Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, WE KAN, and a Kansas Explorer.

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

Sincerely,

Eileen Robertson



Promoting a culture of historic preservation and heritage commemoration

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April 6, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Partnership Commitment

The Shawnee County Historical Society's mission is to foster a culture of historic preservation and heritage commemoration. It has a lengthy history of collecting and publishing documents and narratives of the county's history which include shaping of the frontier, the Missouri-Kansas border war, and the enduring struggle for freedom.

The Society's Landmark Preservation project, the historic Ritchie House, represents the latest in the Society's efforts to preserve and promote awareness of the area's rich heritage encapsulating the three themes of FFNHA. The house, built by a Topeka pioneer in 1856, is a pivotal point on the city's Freedom's Pathway, connecting the Brown. v. Board of Education NHS and the Capitol of the free state of Kansas.

As the Society completes its education center at the Ritchie House, it expands its education programming to inform and challenge young people and heritage tourists regarding local evidence of the enduring struggle for freedom. It has undertaken an ambitious initiative of create curriculum materials for area schools based on state history and government standards, assisting teachers and their students to master the area's heritage as an integral part of the American struggle for freedom. In addition to these school curriculum materials, the Society has sponsored and will continue to do so, public programs of heritage awareness that coincides with the mission of FFNHA.

In its regular publications and heritage programming at the Ritchie House the Society looks forward to active partnership with FFNHA.

Sincerely,

Carlton Scroggins
Carlton Scroggins, President.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation
Kansas State Historical Society

TRAUB DESIGN ASSOCIATES

Complete Museum Exhibit Design Services

June 2009

Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area
P. O. Box 526
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Traub Design Associates is a museum exhibit design firm committed to visually telling the stories of the people and places that have contributed to the fabric of America. As active participants in the Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area community, we have been enriched by our associations with those tireless and devoted stewards of the sites and stories of this unique area. The commitment to their calling makes it a privilege to be in partnership with them, and entrusted with engaging visitors in the stories and history of each special place.

Traub Design Associates has had the honor of producing exhibits and interpretive signage for several of Freedoms Frontier partner sites. We stand ready to assist all communities and organizations tell their piece of the story that has been woven into whole cloth from the threads of individual lives.

Our heartiest congratulations on the production of this well-crafted and heartfelt management plan and our best wishes for the future of this endeavor. May the lessons taught by the struggles and sacrifices of our fore fathers and mothers not be lost or lessened over time, but celebrated as our common heritage.

Sincerely,

TRAUB DESIGN ASSOCIATES

Don C. Traub
Don C. Traub, Principal Designer

Susan B. Traub
Susan B. Traub, Director of Business Development



April 24, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Billings:

I am writing to express our interest in collaborating with Freedom'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 Leavenworth 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 would be a major step in that direction.

Thank you for your leadership in this project.

Sincerely,

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

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VFW Post 6654 Linden-Tripkos Memorial
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Empowering Fifth Freedom Community Service

April 17, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area Trustees
c/o CEO, Destination Management, Inc.
947 New Hampshire St., Suite 200C
Lawrence, KS 66044

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

Our organization empowers future thought leadership to protect shared sense of place legacies. Community-based Veterans of Foreign Wars posts enable locally-funded programs to create a shared sense of place in space. This support sustains collaborative community stewardship. See profile: <http://futurethought.pbwiki.com/VFW-Post-6654>

Our FFNHA Master Plan Team liaison is a state trained and certified Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP) watershed marshal. We support public health risk management practices supporting effective Kaw and Wakarusa Valley water quality assurance programs.

State-wide KELP "virtual team tactics" empower these critical success factors:

- [1] EarthSea Keeping Attitudes
- [2] Sustainable Land-Use Aptitudes
- [3] Pragmatic Problem-Solving Ability
- [4] Management by Results Accountability

As a FFNHA Partner, our post will reinvest our social capital (knowledge, skills and abilities) to advocate FIFTH Freedom sustainable well-being (LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness).

We anticipate reciprocal support from our ongoing mutually-beneficial relationship with FFNHA. Attached are our organization's Historic California Road Trail and Kaw River Ferry Crossing sites.

Regards,

Drew Culbertson (913/488-6899)
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May 8, 2009

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
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Lawrence, KS 6604

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mission of the Vernon County Historical Society is to present the history of Nevada and Vernon County from the Native American period through the twentieth century by means of the Old Jail Historic Site and the Bushwhacker Museum. The Society is committed to vitalizing the history of Nevada and Vernon County for the benefit of all, with special emphasis on local young people and students.

With the above statement an integral part of our foundation documents it is only natural that this organization would be a strong supporter of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. Many of our local stories are vital parts of the nationally important stories that are the essence Freedom's Frontier.

Our Museum Director has been active on the Steering Committee of the Heritage Area as they have gone through the management plan process and we continue to support her in that endeavor. We endorse the Mission and Vision statements of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and as the Heritage Area develops we will explore ways that we may remain an active partner and strong advocate.

With best regards,

Jean Banks McQueen
Jean Banks McQueen
President, Vernon County Historical Society

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
Attn: Julie Lenger
P.O. Box 526
Lawrence, Ks.

June 4, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Wakefield Museum Association is proud to support the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. We feel it is important for our generation to convey our unique history to the younger generation. This younger generation needs to know about the area and why the sturdy English settlers chose to settle in this area. They need to be aware of the contributions these settlers 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 35 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 Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Joy Shandy
Joy Shandy
President of the Board of Directors

Wakefield Museum Association
604 6th Street
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The Wyandot Nation of Kansas

Janith K. English, Principal Chief
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Ms. Judy Billings
Director and CEO
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
Post Office Box 586
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's 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's Frontier Heritage Area. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

For Our People,

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