



## [KAW VALLEY HERITAGE ALLIANCE](#)

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2008 Kansas Legislature ... Testimony on SB 518  
before House Committee on Economic Development  
Representative Lana Gordon – Chair ... [District 52](#)

Good afternoon Madam Chair and members of this vital committee.  
Thank you for granting this opportunity to discuss [SB 518 challenges](#)  
DeSoto/Johnson County [Riverfront Authority Act](#)

### **Subject:**

Anchoring sustainable Kaw Valley **GeoVenturing-LNTourism** framework.



### **Objectives:**

Achieve and maintain exceptional **water quality standards** within this riverfront authority corridor.

- Foster and promote the general welfare, to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature exist in productive harmony, and ensure sustainable wellbeing for our present and future generations.

### **Present Situation:**

Limited public-private sector partnership incentives to perform as **social responsibility pathfinders**.  
Corporate land-use entitlements restrict legal access to **viable regional river recreation areas**.

### **Proposed Options:**

Provide easy access to safe river-based **adaptive outdoor recreation venues** near metro-areas.

### **Advantages:**

- ❑ Empowers inter-regional community building & story telling about [Natural Kansas](#) resources.
- ❑ Expands [KU Continuing Education](#) participation via innovative [learning community](#) programs.
- ❑ Promotes sustainable geotourism for [Birding Hot Spots](#) via [Kan-Ed Network](#) digital libraries ...
- ❑ Provides river orienteering venues for [community stewardship](#) and consequential learning labs.
- ❑ Reinforces Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks support of [KRPA](#) inter-regional trail building.
- ❑ Showcases ferryboat crossings and fur trading legacies along [Freedom's Frontier](#) historic trails.

### **Disadvantages:**

Sections 6 and 7 should empower this Riverfront Authority to use appropriate conservation tools ...

- Requires multi-agency co-ordination and collaboration ensure operational continuity.
- Seems disconnected from Federal Highway Administration [Prairie Passage in Kansas](#).

### **Action:**

Endorse passage of essential enabling legislation: The DeSoto/Johnson County Riverfront Authority Act.  
Identify & eliminate potential hassles for integration with **K-7 Corridor** [Kansas Agritourism](#) initiatives.

### [thinkLets wiki / Mapping the West](#)

To **understand history**, first understand rivers. Learn more about New Santa Fe  
... Oregon Trail: **Past, Present & FUTURE** is suitable for ages nine to adult. ...

### **Attachments: (2)**



**Attachment-1:**

- ALL-WinWin **EcoChallenge** ... dedicated to counteracting NE-Kansas [Nature Deficit Disorder](#)...



**Let's all go Kaw River fishin'...**

- [Heritage Area "Freedom's Frontier" LJWorld.com 2007](#)
- [Futurethought Matches: 13+](#)
- [Bad Blood ... FFNHA Hyperportal](#)

**Heritage Area "Freedom's Frontier" LJWorld.com 2007**

- [Stories key to heritage area plan / LJWorld.com](#)

• **... Frontier AGR-iTourism**

That's the advice leaders of two Midwest heritage areas have for the fledgling

Freedom's Frontier National **Heritage Area** as it takes shape in eastern Kansas ...  
[mobile.ljworld.com/news/2007/dec/26/stories\\_key\\_heritage\\_area\\_plan/](http://mobile.ljworld.com/news/2007/dec/26/stories_key_heritage_area_plan/)



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**Futurethought Matches: 13+**

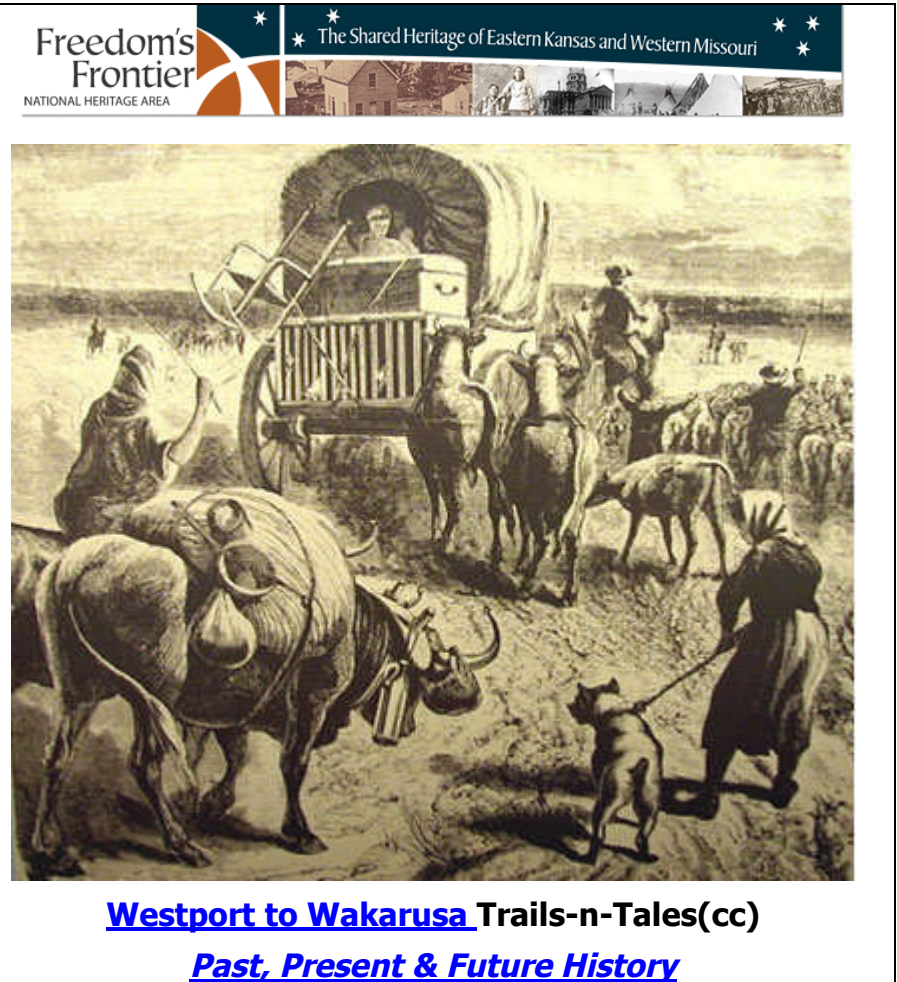
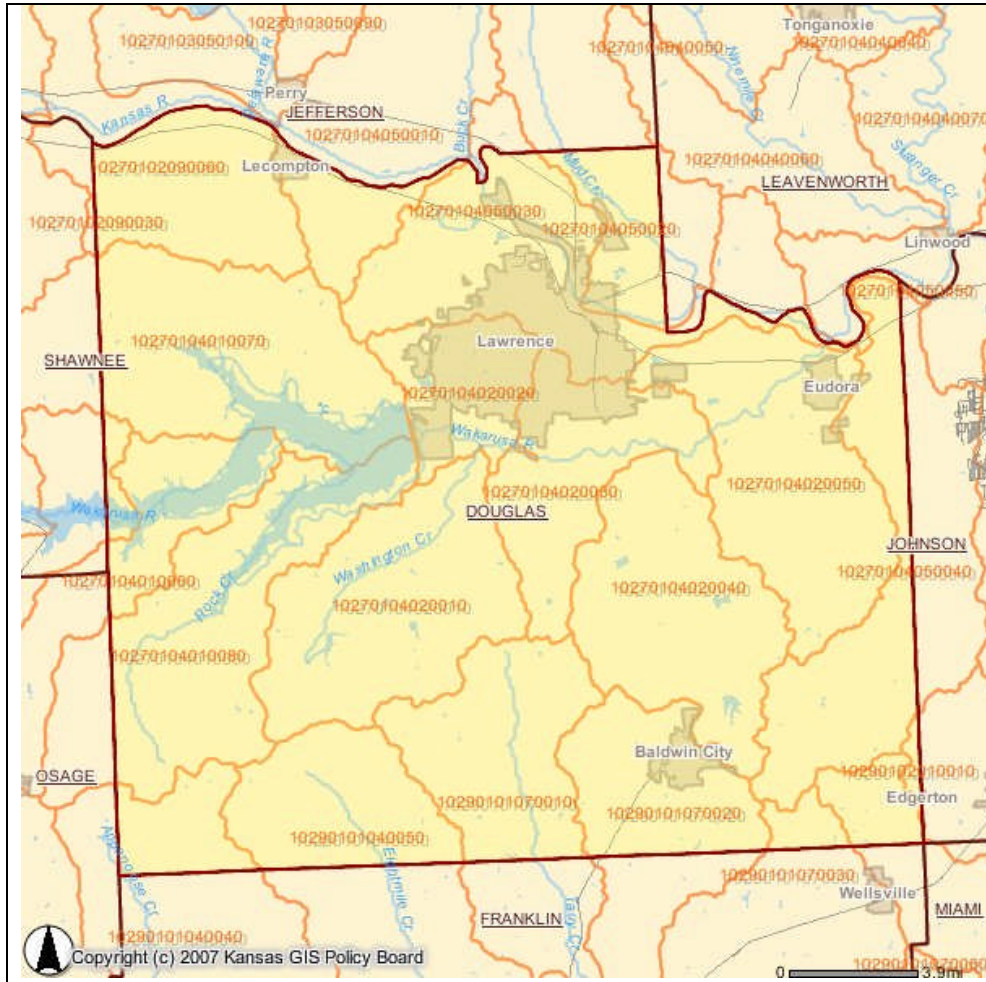


**Freedom's Frontier Forum ...Page name match ...**

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Attachment-2:

**Honoring USS Cimarron (AO-22) :: Think Globally ... Interact Regionally ... Learn (LNT) Locally**



**Westport to Wakarusa Trails-n-Tales(cc)**  
**Past, Present & Future History**

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