

VFW Post 6654 Linden-Tripkos Memorial

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Empowering Fifth Freedom Community Service

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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: <u>http://futurethought.pbwiki.com/VFW-Post-6654</u>

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,

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Objective: To enable selected Kaw Valley cultural and national heritage venues as FFNHA multi-generational interpretation and education programs with the DeSoto Riverfront Authority.

Theme: People, places and changes over time.(1780-1880) Timeline: Westport to Wakarusa Trails-n-Tales (cc) 1821-1858

Local youth program steward leadership priorities:

- DeSoto Riverfront James C. Fremont Interpretive Center support
- GeoVenturing events near Cedar Creek Four Houses trading post •
- Haskell Indian Nations University Native Voices Podcasting Center

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