

Our History is a Perishable Resource

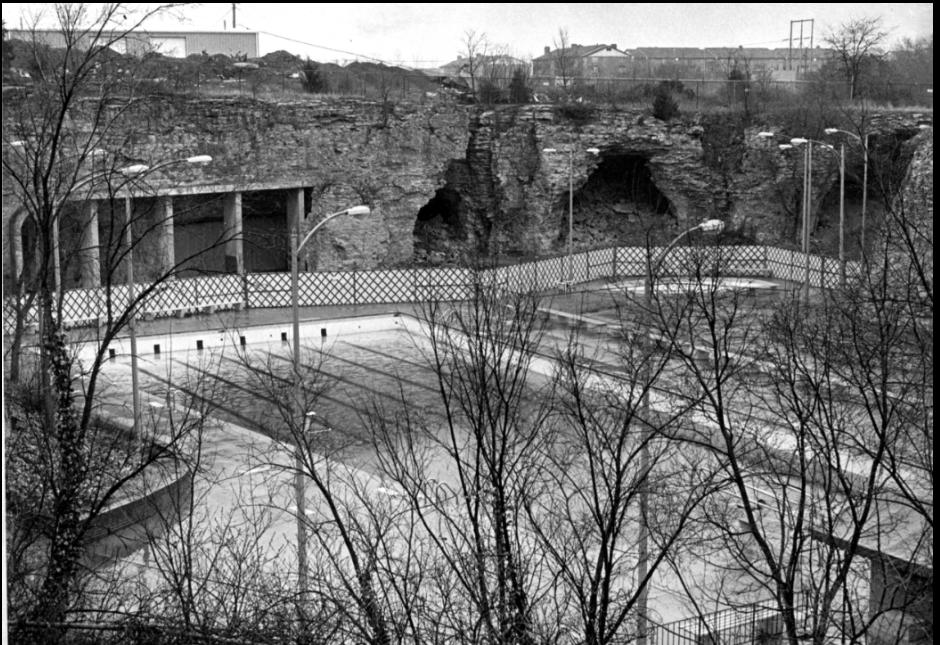




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Proposals to preserve the history of Roeland Park

1. National Parks Service Santa Fe Trail Signs
2. Historic Location Signs
3. Interpretive Signs
4. Otocast Virtual Historical Tour



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Santa Fe National Historic Trail
Family of Pedestrian Signs

Historic Route Sign
12" x 18" (two panels):
Marks the historic route of the national historic trail

Trail Start/End Distance
12" x 30" (three panels):
Shows distance to the beginning and end of the trail from the location the sign is placed

Trail Sign
12" x 20" (two panels):
Marks trail that is in close proximity and/or connects to the national historic trail, but is not on the actual historic route

(Site Name Here) Sign
12" x 18" (two panels):
Directs people to historic sites associated with the national historic trail

Historic Route additional lower panel sign option
12" x 6":

NEXT XX MILES

Lower panel arrow options
6" x 6":

↑ **←** **→** **↔**

Crossing Sign
12" x 18" (two panels):
Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a trail

Santa Fe Trail

HISTORIC ROUTE

Santa Fe Trail

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NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Santa Fe Trail

(Site Name Here)

Santa Fe Trail

CROSSING

Santa Fe Trail

CROSSING

Updated January 2020

Santa Fe National Historic Trail
Family of Road Signs

Historic Route Sign
24" x 36" (two panels):
Marks the historic route of the national historic trail

Crossing Sign
24" x 36" (two panels):
Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a road

Site ID Sign
Custom size - 72" x 42" typical:
Marks a site associated with the national historic trail

Santa Fe Trail

HISTORIC ROUTE

Santa Fe Trail

CROSSING

Historic Route lower panel sign option
24" x 12":

NEXT XX MILES

Historic Route lower panel arrow options
21" x 15":

← **→**

Site Identification

Entrance Sign

Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Directional Site Sign
Size varies:
Directs people to sites associated with the national historic trail

(Site Name) →

← (Site Name)

Updated September 2019

National Parks Service Santa Fe Trail signs



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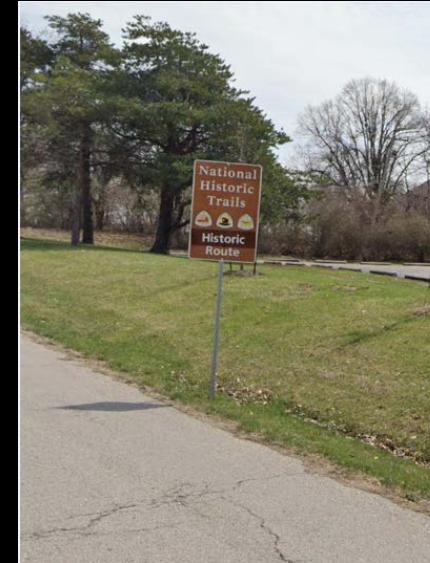
Project 1: National Parks Service Santa Fe Trail Signs



Gardner



Olathe



Leewood



Barton
County, KS

Santa Fe Trail Route through Roeland Park Sample signs:

Mission Rd & 48th: Santa Fe Trail Crossing

Buena Vista & 51st: Santa Fe Trail Crossing

51st & Roe: “Miles to Santa Fe & Westport”

Sycamore & Cedar: Santa Fe Trail Crossing



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NPS Project Cost estimate
Signs: provided free of cost by NPS
Estimated shipping & Installation costs: \$1000



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SEWAH STUDIOS: The Georgia



Merriam



Merriam



Westport



Loose Park

Historic Location Signage



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**Southridge
Station
Strang
Line**



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**Tesar
Home &
Farm**



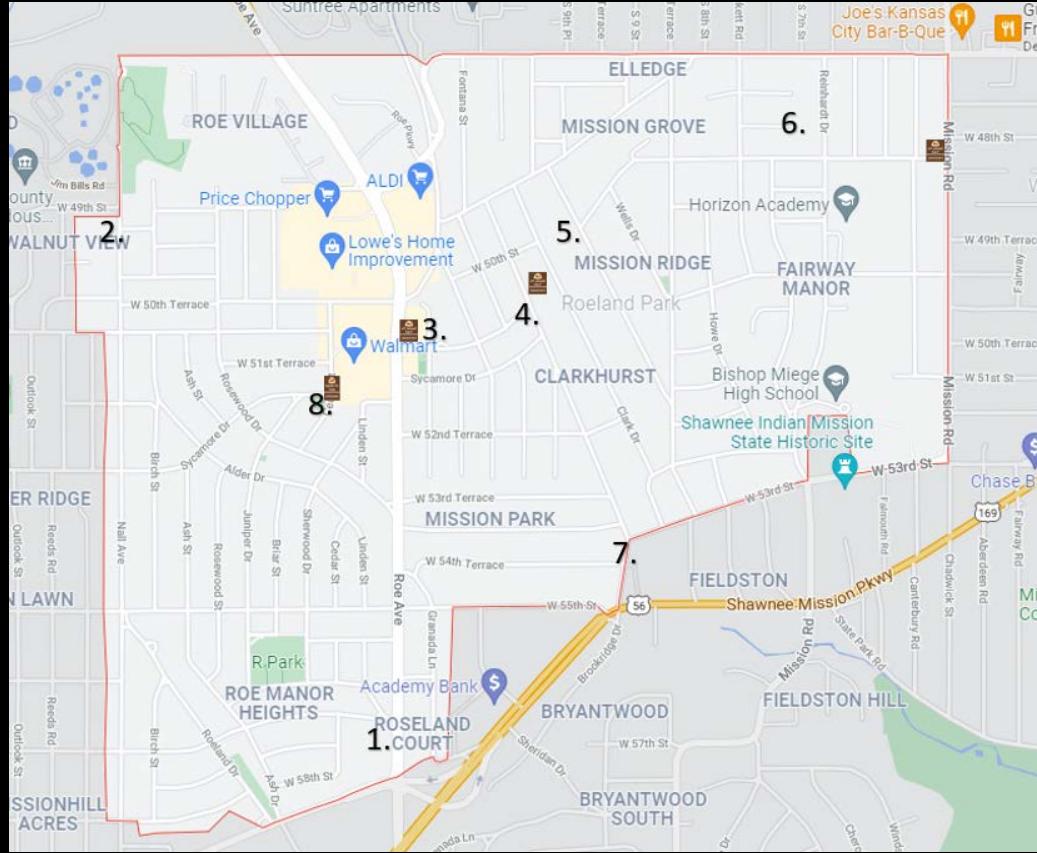
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**Southridge/
Southridge
Market**



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1. Roe Family Home: Johnson Dr. and Roe
2. The Shawnee Baptist Mission: 49th and Nall
3. Southridge Station on the Strang Line: 51st and Granada
4. Southridge/Southridge Market: 51st and Buena Vista
5. Roesland Elementary School
6. Washita Station/Old Mission Golf Course Clubhouse: 47th terrace cul-de-sac
7. Tesar Farm and home: 54th and Buena Vista
8. Shawnee Methodist Mission Boundary



Locational Signs cost per sign:

36"X24" Georgia Sign \$2020

Etched Plates \$250

5X7 Photographs \$150

Shipping and 7' pole included.

Total: \$2270-\$2420

Locational Signs cost 8 signs:

8 signs \$18,160-\$19360

Estimated installation \$1000

Total: \$19160-\$20,360

36"X24" \$2020

Georgia Style

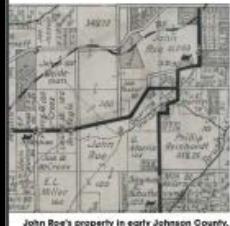
Historic Location Signage Costs



IMMIGRATION

Born in 1823 in County Meath, Ireland, John Roe immigrated to the United States in 1850. He married Mary Roseanne Clarke, the daughter of Irish immigrants in 1855. In 1857, John was granted a homestead patent in Daviess County, Missouri where the couple soon moved and started a family. They eventually had six children. John farmed corn and raised cattle. The farm prospered and he purchased additional land including hundreds of acres in Saline County, Missouri.

In 1882, John purchased 266 acres in northeast Johnson County, Kansas from Alexander Johnson, son of Shawnee Methodist Indians Mission founder Thomas Johnson. Here he began a new cattle ranch for both the Kansas City and Chicago markets. When the cattle were ready for market, they were driven down what is today Johnson Drive to the rail terminal in Merriam. Over the next few years he purchased more land from the Johnson family until he owned about 1600 acres, including most of the land of what is today Roeland Park, Missouri.



John Roe's property in early Johnson County.

DEVELOPING JOHNSON COUNTY

In 1890, the Roe family moved to Johnson County, Kansas and John began construction of the family home at what is today the northwest corner of Johnson Drive and Roe Blvd. The 2 story, 16 room Roe home, named "The Cedars of Merriam," would be a fixture in the area for more than 60 years. John Roe was an advocate for the

development of northeast Johnson County and lobbied the county government to build good roads and bring utilities such as natural gas and electricity to the area. In 1906, he granted an easement across his property to the Missouri & Kansas Interurban Railroad (The Strong Line) hoping it would bring development.



SITE 01 The Roe Family



MODERNIZATION

After the death of John Roe in 1926, the cattle operations were ended and the Roe children found themselves "land rich and cash poor." Little by little they began to sell off pieces of the farm to pay the taxes on the rest. They also began giving sections away including 5 acres for the construction of St. Agnes Church and School, the land that is today Null Park and the original Roeland Park pool site at 47th and Roe Lane. In 1952, developer Charles Vowter purchased 280 acres north of the Roe home for a development he named Roeland Park in honor of the family. In 1951, the name was chosen for the newly incorporated City of Roeland Park, which occupies much of the original Roe farm.

The Roe family home was torn down in 1958 to make way for a divided interchange at Johnson Dr. and Roe Blvd.



A portrait of John Roe

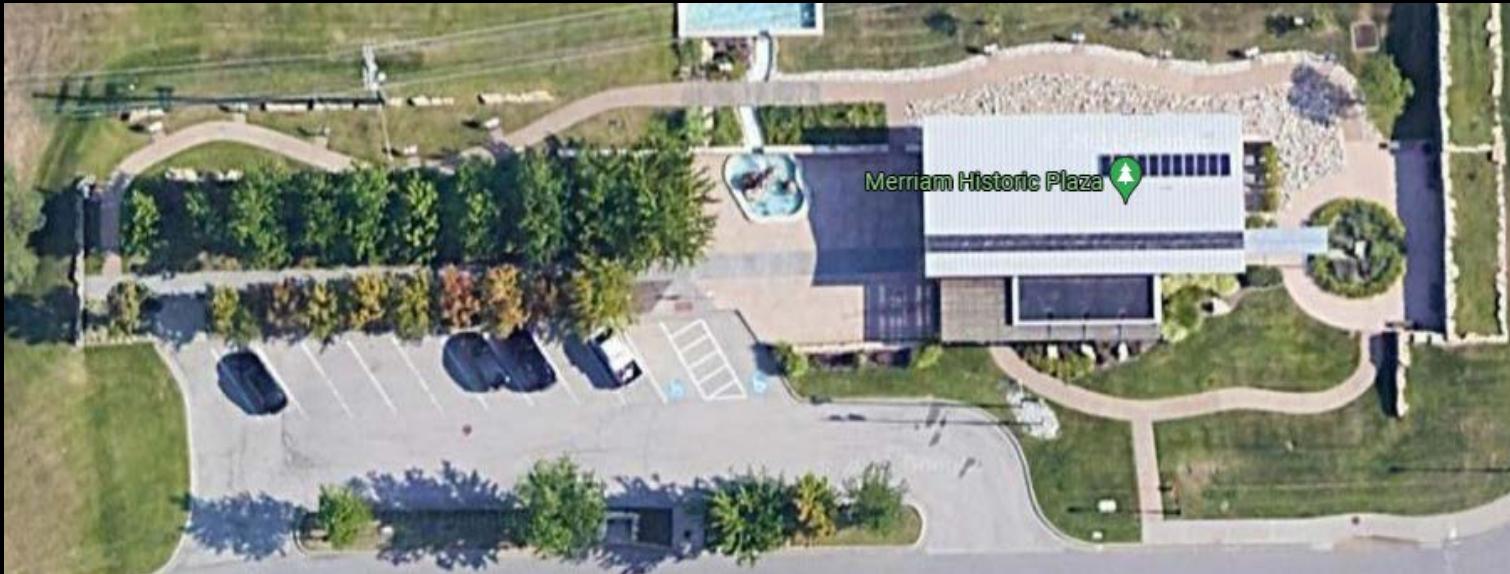
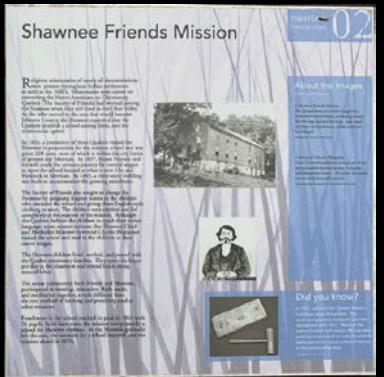


Storytelling through Interpretive Signs



Pioneer Crossing Park

Shawnee, Ks



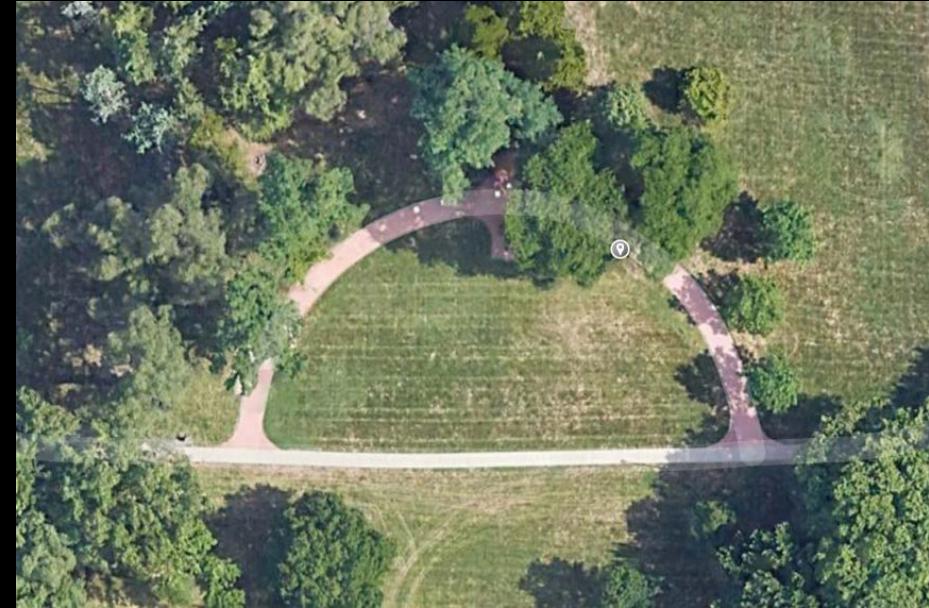
Visitors Bureau Merriam, Ks



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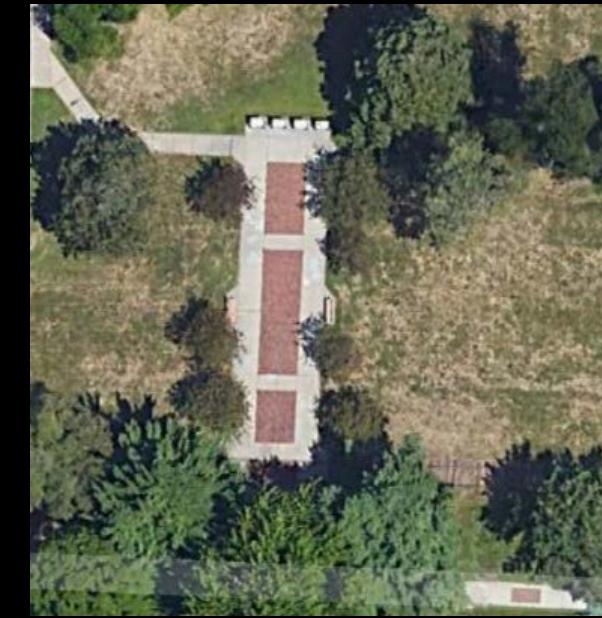
Battle of Westport Interpretive walk



Loose Park Kansas City, Mo



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Strang Park Overland Park, Ks



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Johnson Dr & Roe
“The Boomerang”



Cooper Creek Park



City Hall

Possible Interpretive Walk Locations

1. Original Environment/original Indian Inhabitants
2. Shawnee Indians
3. Shawnee Baptist/Shawnee Methodist Missions
4. Santa Fe Trail
5. Roe Family
6. Strang Line/Southridge/Washita Communities
7. Charles Vawter/incorporation of Roeland Park/Segregated Housing

Interpretive Signage



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24"X36" \$974
Pannier Graphics

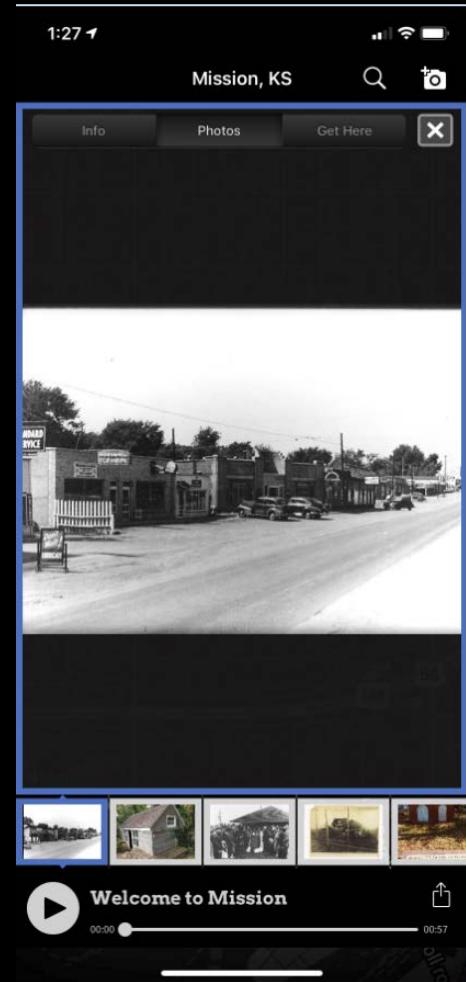
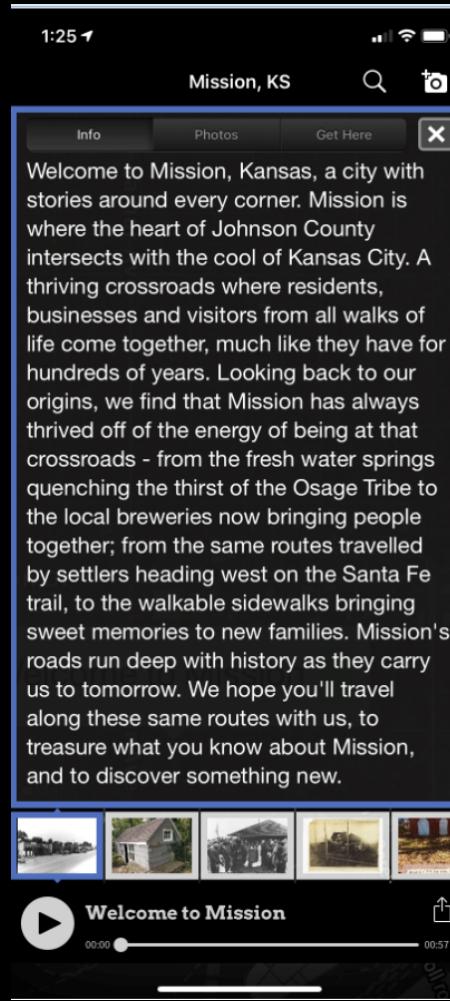
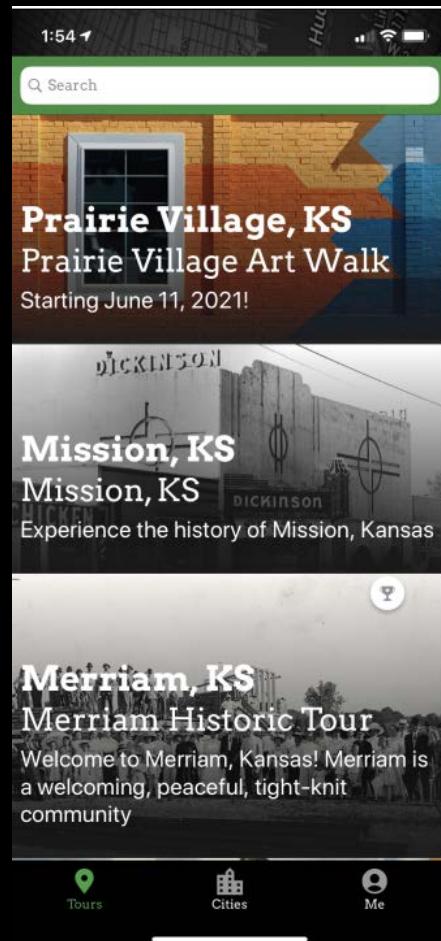
Interpretive Signs cost per sign:
24"X36" Laminate panel \$238
Duplicate Panel \$144
Aluminum Base \$538
Shipping \$54
Total: \$\$974

Interpretive Signs cost 8 signs:
7 signs w/ shipping \$6818
Installation \$1000
Total: \$7818

Interpretive Signage Costs



Virtual Historical Tour with Otocast



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1. Roe Family
2. Vintage Roeland Park (Roeland Park shopping center, Waji's, 1st pool site, etc)
3. Old Mission Golf Course
4. Shawnee Baptist Mission
5. Santa Fe Trail Route through Roeland Park
6. History of Roeland Park Schools
7. Charles Vawter/Formation of Roeland Park/Segregated Communities
8. TBD
9. TBD
10. TBD

**\$120 setup and 1st year hosting per site. Total \$1200.
\$80 per site per year after 1st year.**



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Total Cost 4 Projects

NPS Santa Fe Trail Signs:	\$1000
Locational signs Sewah Studios:	\$19.160-\$20,360
Interpretive Signs Pannier Graphics:	\$7818
Otocast:	\$1200
Total:	\$29, 178-\$30, 378



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