

# East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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To: Lawrence/Douglas County Planning Commission

Re: SUP-21-00318

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) is writing in support of the referenced Special Use Permit (SUP). If approved, the SUP would allow an active recreational use (Splash Pad) in an Open Space (OS) District located at Burroughs Creek Park, 900 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

ELNA has actively engaged with the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department with regard to this project over the course of several months. If approved, this would be Lawrence's first ever splash pad. It could not be in a more ideal location, conveniently serving the recreational needs of residents of the East Lawrence, Brook Creek and Barker neighborhoods, as well as Edgewood Homes and users of the Burroughs Creek Trail / Lawrence Loop.

Since this is publicly owned land and is likely to remain so, our normal concerns about having time limits and/or non-transferability provisions in proposed SUPs would not be applicable to this SUP. We are not clear on why the City chose the SUP route rather than rezoning for General Public and Institutional uses (GPI) like other parts of the park. ELNA supports this path that will result in construction of the splash pad, because the SUP is more restrictive and subject to ongoing review than GPI zoning would provide.

ELNA encourages the Planning Commission to support this SUP to provide this much needed amenity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President, on behalf of the ELNA Board

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