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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Douglas Beck

*Supervisor of Outdoor
Recreation, Maine Bureau of
Parks and Lands*



Greetings and welcome to the 2022 NASORLO Annual Meeting and Training at the historic Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. This gathering is the result of months of planning by the association board of directors, the training committee, and the conference planning committee members from both Kansas and Missouri, all in coordination with our National Parks Service partners. It is testament to what can be accomplished when we work together as a team.

I was interested to learn about the history of the Excelsior Springs community that led to the establishment of the hotel back in 1888. When Opal Mellion was miraculously cured by the local spring waters, word spread and soon all manner of ailments were being treated and cured by drinking and bathing in the spring waters.

We gather at these springs still celebrating the near miraculous perpetual authorization of LWCF followed closely by full and enduring funding, even if only at the 1965 proposed levels. The promise of these acts for the equitable distribution of LWCF to states is great. Yet we suffer from an ailment that prevents this promise from being realized. This ailment has symptoms expressed by national organizations who feel LWCF is not needed or can't be used at the state level. Other symptoms are the inconsistencies and inefficiencies of grant review, award, and project stewardship.

The best cure to counter the thoughts that states don't need or can't use LWCF is to get all the apportioned funds out of the federal strong box and into deserving projects at the state and local level. The best way to accomplish this is to work together to resolve those inefficiencies and inconsistencies preventing the funds from getting to where they are so desperately needed. While we are here, let us slake our thirst from these springs. Let us also bathe in these restorative waters and find cures to what ails us.

Here's to LWCF Stateside health. Cheers!

WELCOME FROM MISSOURI & KANSAS



David Kelly

*Director & SLO
Missouri State Parks*



Linda Lanterman

*Director & ASLO
Kansas State Parks*



Brian Stith

*Deputy Director & ASLO
Missouri State Parks*

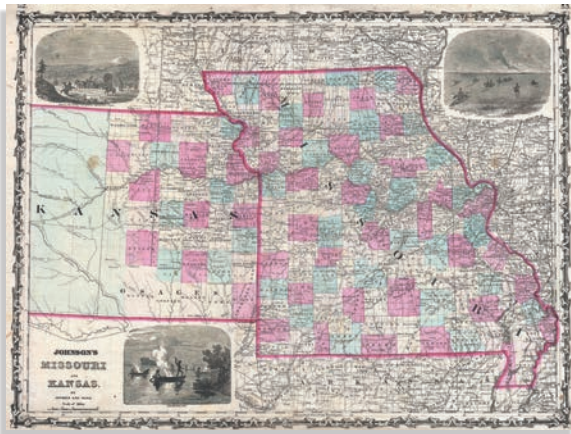
We are excited to welcome you to the historic Elms Hotel in picturesque Excelsior Springs, MO! The community of Excelsior Springs is located in Clay and Ray counties, two of the 14 counties that comprise the bistate Kansas City metropolitan area that straddles the border of Missouri and Kansas. The history of this region includes a bitter antagonism that had its beginnings in the turbulent and bloody Border War that preceded the Civil War. The legacy of this enmity has resulted in a mostly good-natured (but sometimes not) competition between the two states, which is most visible in the 120-year-old football rivalry between the University of Kansas Jayhawks and the University of Missouri Tigers, the oldest college rivalry west of the Mississippi. However, as most residents of these two neighboring states would acknowledge, we have much more in common than otherwise. We share one of the largest cities in the Midwest, Kansas City, which has given rise to our shared regional heritage of KC barbeque, the KC strip steak and KC jazz. We also share an almost fanatical fan base who loyally follows the Kansas City Chiefs football team and the Kansas City Royals baseball team through good seasons and bad.

The two states also share a long history of preserving their states' most scenic and significant natural, cultural and recreational resources for their citizenry. The Kansas state park system was first established in 1905 while the Missouri state park system followed a mere 12 years later (not that it's a competition). The two states' tradition of public municipal outdoor spaces is inextricably linked as well. George Kessler, a prolific landscape architect and disciple of Frederick Law Olmstead, was



recommended by Olmstead to design a park in Merriam, KS. Kessler's work in Merriam led to his commission of the design of the Hyde Park residential area in Kansas City, MO. He was subsequently hired by the city to design its famous parks and boulevards system, which led to further commissions in both states including parks in Excelsior Springs, the grounds of the University of Kansas and the grounds of the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, MO.

Each state also has a long legacy of participation in the LWCF Stateside Assistance Program. Since the program's inception in 1965, Kansas has received more



than \$50 million and funded approximately 700 LWCF projects in nearly every Kansas county, and Missouri has received over \$87 million for more than 1,600 projects in every county in the state. From neighborhood pocket parks to sprawling county sports complexes, the two states' LWCF projects are as diverse as the communities they serve. During the 2022 NASORLO

Conference, you'll experience both ends of the LWCF spectrum, from the newly redesigned Lions Memorial Park in rural Kearney, MO, to the busy urban Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa, KS. You'll also hear how both states are working together on trail and greenway connections throughout the Kansas City region.

On behalf of Missouri and Kansas, we welcome you to the 2022 NASORLO Conference and look forward to (competitively) showing you the best of both states and making your visit as comfortable, enjoyable and informative as possible.

The 2022 NASORLO Conference is dedicated to Dr. Douglas K. Eiken in recognition of his thirteen years' leadership as NASORLO executive director and more than forty years' service in the parks, recreation and conservation field at the state and national level. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for being a tireless advocate for LWCF. *Hats off to you, Doug!*





Dr. Douglas K. Eiken

Doug has been involved with parks, recreation and conservation at the state and national level for over 40 years. He has been an educator at the high school, college and university levels while pursuing ever advancing degrees, culminating with a PhD at the University of Utah in 1978. He retired in 2009 as State Park Director in Missouri, after a previous 13-year stint as the Director of Parks and Recreation in North Dakota. He is also on the graduate faculty and an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He began his tenure as the Executive Director of NASORLO in June of 2009.

Upon leaving KU, Doug was appointed by Governor Allan Olson as the state park director for North Dakota. He served in that capacity for 13 years and worked on the cabinet of three governors. When he left he was honored for, and was credited with, significant advancements in North Dakota's state parks. He oversaw the development of three nonprofits to support North Dakota State Parks. Doug was also honored with receiving the national Public Service Award in Washington DC from the Nature Conservancy. This award recognized his work and advocacy to create the 6,000-acre Cross Ranch Nature Preserve and adjacent Cross Ranch State Park along the Missouri River north of Bismarck. He was also honored by the U.S. Department of Interior with their National Public Service Award for his work on behalf of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

In addition, Doug was given the National Leadership Award from Governor Sinner, to recognize his presidency and leadership of two national organizations, the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) and the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers (NASORLO). He also received the Distinguished Service Award from NASPD in 1992. He was inducted into the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame and previously had been awarded the Tourism and Recreation Development Award from the Greater North Dakota Association.

Doug left North Dakota in 1994 to become the director of Missouri State Parks, a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. As director, he oversaw a system of 85 state parks and historic sites, staff of nearly 800 fulltime and 1,000 seasonal employees, and a budget in excess of 52 million dollars. One of Doug's career legacies was the creation of Missouri's American Indian Cultural Center at Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park, which interprets the cultural history of the nine tribes that called Missouri home in the early 19th century. He was also the administrator over Missouri's State Historic Preservation Office. He served as Missouri's state park director for 15 years, retiring in 2009 from that position. In addition to being the state park director for Missouri, he was also the Executive Director of Missouri's Lewis and Clark Commission which was charged with the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery. He served in that capacity from 2002 until the commission was disbanded in 2006. Doug was also honored with induction into the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association's Hall of Fame. He received Missouri's Tourism Ambassador Award and was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Conservation Federation of Missouri.

Doug was also one of the original creators of the highly successful Leadership School for State Parks, which is in its 12th year at Ogleby, WV. This involved creating a curriculum specifically targeting the multiple skill sets needed to be successful as a state park administrator. He guided the school through its initial years, teaching at the school eight of its first 10 years and did much of the research needed to keep the topics taught relevant and related to trends in the profession.

Since retiring from the State of Missouri in 2009, he has stayed very active in education and conservation circles. He is currently an adjunct professor in the Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sports Management program at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He also assumed the role of Executive Director of NASORLO in 2009 and has led that organization in that capacity since that time. NASORLO led the successful effort on behalf of state and local parks to reauthorize the LWCF in the current Congress with a guaranteed 40% share for state and local outdoor recreation grants.

Dr. Eiken is noted for his enthusiastic approach to the circumstances and tasks assigned to him. He is noted as a bridge builder and seeks common ground as a way to create coalitions to successfully address the complex issues related to natural and cultural resource development and protection. He is highly regarded in the states where he had significant leadership opportunities and nationally from his work on national issues related to parks, recreation, conservation and historic preservation. He continues to be actively involved in national issues related to recreation development and the LWCF.



OPENING SESSION AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dru Buntin

*Director, Missouri Department
of Natural Resources*

Dru Buntin is the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, appointed in August 2021. Dru served as Deputy Director for the department from 2009 to 2012, and then again from 2017 until he was named director. He is the former executive director of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, where he served for four years. Since rejoining the department, Dru has led the agency on important river-related issues, including drought relief and flood recovery. He was also instrumental in leading the department's Red Tape Reduction efforts, which reduced the regulatory burden on Missouri businesses and citizens.

Under Dru's direction, the department has placed increasing emphasis on community resiliency by providing numerous financial assistance programs, including tax credits and exemptions, loans and grants. Nearly 80% of the department's budget passes through to local communities. In 2021, the department's pass through funds totaled \$493 million. The Land and Water Conservation Fund awards are an important part of this effort. From 2016 to 2020, the department has passed \$13.1 million in these grants to communities throughout Missouri.



Mike Reynolds, a 36-year veteran of the National Park Service, was appointed in July 2022 to serve as NPS deputy director for Congressional and external relations. In this role, he advises the NPS Director and leads work with external and international partners, as well as stakeholder engagement with elected officials, special interest groups, and the American public.

Mike is a third generation NPS employee. He grew up in Yosemite and returned to the park in 2003 as a resource manager, planner, and division chief, eventually serving as park superintendent from 2018 to 2019. Before that, Reynolds served in several leadership roles at NPS headquarters, first as the associate director for workforce, relevancy, and inclusion; deputy director for operations; and finally as the acting NPS director in 2017 and 2018. During his previous tenure in Washington, Reynolds initiated long-term efforts to address issues from workforce engagement and wellbeing to addressing the NPS maintenance backlog.

Other assignments have included serving as Midwest regional director from 2011 to 2014, Northeast deputy regional director from 2008 to 2011, superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore from 2005 to 2008, and other roles at Mojave National Preserve, Cape Cod National Seashore, Curecanti National Recreation Area, and the NPS Denver Service Center. Mike holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MBA from Regis University in Denver. He was a senior executive fellow at Harvard University in the spring of 2011.



Michael Reynolds
*National Park Services
Deputy Director*





2022 NASORLO CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Monday, October 3

10:00 a.m. – all day	Early Arrival and Hotel Check-in
10:00 a.m. – all day	Explore on Your Own
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Registration/Information Table Open, Hotel Lobby
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Networking
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	The Elms Hotel Paranormal Tour <i>(optional)</i>

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on Your Own
7:00 a.m. – Noon	Registration/Information Table Open, Hotel Lobby

Grand Ballroom:

8:00 – 8:10 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions – President Beck
8:15 – 8:40 a.m.	LWCF and NASORLO Overview
8:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Project Timeline: Concept to Closeout – NPS Training and Dialogue
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – Noon	Forms: Challenges and Changes – NPS Training and Dialogue
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	Best Practices: Amplifund Grants Software – Eric Feldbaum, NH
2:20 – 3:00 p.m.	Best Practices: Inspections and Maps – Mick Rogers, AZ
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:20 – 4:10 p.m.	Best Practices: Post Completion – Antionette Norfleet, GA & Ann Marshall, TN
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Best Practices: Inclusive Designs – Playcore
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Doug Eiken Retirement Reception
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
9:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Networking

2022 NASORLO CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Wednesday, October 5

Grand Ballroom:

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast Provided

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to the 2022 NASORLO Annual Meeting –
Dru Buntin, Director, Missouri Department of Natural
Resources

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Opening Business Session

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

NPS Policy and Issues Summary – Staff Presentation

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Provided

12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker – Michael Reynolds, NPS Deputy Director

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

State and Territorial Administrative Grant Application Process

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

NASORLO Business Session Resumed

Tour & Evening Meal:

3:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Watkins Mill State Park & Watkins Woolen Mill State
Historic Site

Hotel:

8:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Networking

Thursday, October 6

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast on Your Own

Grand Ballroom:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Panel – GAOA and America the Beautiful Update,
Including the American Conservation and Stewardship
Atlas or Playcore Resource Hub Presentation

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

California's Public Engagement Process

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Missouri-Kansas Regional and Statewide Trail System
– Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and Kansas
State Parks

Tour & Lunch:

11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lions Memorial Park, Kearney, MO



Tour, Evening Meal & Awards:

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Weston, MO and Weston Bend State Park

Hotel:

9:00 – 10:30 p.m. Networking

Friday, October 7

Grand Ballroom:

7:45 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Provided

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Final NASORLO Business Session, Elections, Setting Priorities and Wrap-Up

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. President Beck's Priorities for 2023

10:15 a.m. Business Meeting Adjourn

Tour & Lunch:

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. KC BBQ, Jack Stack Freight House

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Lenexa, KS; LWCF sites in Johnson Co., KS

Hotel:

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, October 8

Optional Touring on Your Own & Travel Day

TOUR OF WATKINS WOOLEN MILL STATE HISTORIC SITE & WATKINS MILL STATE PARK

Wednesday, October 5

3:15 p.m.	Load shuttle vans in front of hotel
3:30 p.m.	Driving tour of park; self-guided tour of visitor center museum, historic house and mill
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Dinner in front of historic Watkins House

Stepping on to the grounds of Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site is like stepping into a 19th century pastoral painting. Many of the buildings that Waltus Watkins spent half a century building as part of Bethany Farm – including a home and a three-story woolen mill – have been preserved to give visitors a sense of life in the 1870s. The site's visitor center offers an introduction to the Watkins family and their many business ventures.

Established in 1839 as a small livestock farm in the northeast corner of Clay County, Missouri, by 1870 Bethany had expanded into a 3,660-acre agricultural and industrial enterprise. Watkins, like most farmers of his day, practiced diversified farming. He raised shorthorn cattle, Missouri mules, horses, swine, sheep and poultry, grew various grain crops, and planted extensive orchards. He also marketed the services of his mills, kiln and blacksmith shop to people in the area. When the woolen industry reached Missouri in the 1850s, Watkins decided to take advantage of his early training in Kentucky textile mills and in 1860 constructed the Watkins Woolen Mill.

The mill and house were acquired by the Watkins Mill Association in 1958 and opened to the public. The property became part of the Missouri state park system in 1964. Watkins Woolen Mill was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966, and was named a National Mechanical Engineering Historic Landmark in 1980. The mill is the only 19th century textile mill in the United States with its original machinery still intact.

Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site is also part of a network of living history farms that preserve non-commercial varieties of vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers and exchange heirloom seeds, keeping the old varieties healthy. Additionally, the site maintains small flocks of Merino and Cotswold sheep, Dominique chickens and Standard Bronze turkeys - all highly endangered breeds of domestic livestock.



The large recreational area south of the historic site is operated as Watkins Mill State Park, and offers excellent opportunities for camping, hiking, picnicking, fishing and swimming. The focal point of the park is the 100-acre Williams Creek Lake, which features a swimming beach, accessible fishing dock and boat launch. Bass, catfish, crappie and sunfish are plentiful in the blue waters. One of the most popular activities in the park is bicycle riding on the paved trail that completely encircles the lake. Several picnic areas, with tables and barbecue grills, are located along the path. An open picnic shelter is located close to the lake and the bicycle path. The park's wooded campground is near the south end of the lake and has two modern restrooms, hot showers, dumping station and coin-operated laundry.

The park is a LWCF project site, having been the recipient of nine LWCF grants for acquisition and development. The mill and house, and the adjoining recreation area are administered by Missouri State Parks.



TOUR OF LIONS MEMORIAL PARK, KEARNEY, MO



Thursday, October 6

10:45 p.m. Load motor coach in front of hotel

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tour of Lions Memorial Park and boxed lunch

Lions Memorial Park, Kearney, MO

Join Eric Marshall, Director of Kearney Parks and Recreation Department, on a tour of the newly redesigned Lions Memorial Park. The City of Kearney received a LWCF grant in 2019 to construct an all-new playground, new shelters, a walking trail and a show-stopping splash pad. Hear from Director Marshall as he discusses the planning process, identification of grant match, and the reopening of the park. Boxed lunches will be served in the park's new shelters.



TOUR OF CITY OF WESTON



Thursday, October 6

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Meet in front of City Hall and explore downtown Weston

3:00 p.m.

Load motor coach or hike Weston Bluffs Trail to
Weston Bend State Park

Historic City of Weston

Hear about the antebellum town of Weston from Weston Bend Chamber of Commerce and stroll through the historic downtown district founded in 1837. In Weston, you'll find locally produced wine, beer, and distilled spirits, and a pub in the underground vaults of an 1840's brewery. A haven for talented artisans, craftsmen, musicians, and writers, Weston has one-of-a-kind shops you simply won't find in ordinary shopping centers: boutiques, a custom jeweler, antique reproduction furniture, a candle maker pouring daily, garden stores with art and fountains, stained glass and textile artisans, art galleries, massage therapists, an old-time hardware store, an old-fashioned soda fountain, global offerings, and more!

Conference attendees have the option of taking the motor coach from the City of Weston to Weston Bend State Park, or hiking Weston Bluffs Trail from the city to the state park.

TOUR OF WESTON BEND STATE PARK



Thursday, October 6

3:30 p.m.

Driving tour of Weston Bend State Park

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner and Award Ceremony

Weston Bend State Park

The Missouri River has helped shape the land and culture around Weston Bend State Park. Located in what once was a thriving tobacco agricultural center, the park now serves as a reminder of the impact and influence the Missouri River had on its bordering towns and surrounding landscape. The nearby City of Weston served as a river port for exporting the large quantities of tobacco and hemp grown in the area. By 1858, Weston was recognized as the largest hemp port in the world and continued to be a major transportation link on both land and water. Reminders of the area's tobacco history can be seen by the five remaining tobacco barns located within the park.

Weston Bend State Park features a scenic overlook that is accessible to people with disabilities. From it visitors can see one of the most expansive views of the Missouri River in the state and across the river into the wild bottomland forests of Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. A trail that meanders through the woods and along the

edge of the bluff offers scenic views of the river similar to what Lewis and Clark saw on their expedition in 1804. Because the park is located along the forested river corridor, it offers excellent bird watching, especially during spring and fall migrations.

Recreation opportunities in the park include a paved trail as it follows a creek through forests of cottonwood, sycamore and maple trees, and then returns along the sunny ridge tops. Secluded picnic areas, a playground and open shelter make Weston Bend State Park an ideal place for family get-togethers. Visitors wanting to stay overnight can choose from both basic and electric campsites. Several of the sites located on the ridge top offer scenic views of the surrounding countryside. Campground amenities include modern restrooms, hot showers and laundry facilities. The park is also the first in the Missouri state park system to offer a dog park for visitors. The 1.75-acre dog park is divided into three pens, with a pen designated for small dogs and one for large dogs. Each pen has a park bench, a doggie water fountain and a pet waste station. Dinner will be served in the Bee Creek Shelter, a converted tobacco barn that serves as an enclosed shelter available for large-party rentals.

Weston Bend State Park is another LWCF site managed by Missouri State Parks, having received two LWCF grants for acquisition and development.



TOURS OF SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, AND LWCF SITES IN JOHNSON COUNTY, KS

Friday, October 7

10:30 a.m. Load motor coach in front of hotel

11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch at Jack Stack at the Freight House

Lunch at Jack Stack Freight House

Kansas City's history includes the iconic Kansas City Stockyards in the West Bottoms. The stockyards operated from 1871 to 1991 and became the second-largest meat packing industry in the nation (just behind Chicago), so it's no wonder that Kansas City also has a reputation for seriously good barbecue! The city's barbecue craze can be traced back to Henry Perry, who in the early 1920s started barbecuing in an outdoor pit adjacent to his streetcar barn, serving slabs of food wrapped in newspaper. Other barbecue giants soon followed, each with their own recipes and distinctive tastes – Arthur Bryant's Barbeque, Gates Bar-B-Q and Fiorella's Jack Stack BBQ, just to name a few. We couldn't let you go home without experiencing KC BBQ, so lunch is being served at Jack Stack BBQ in the converted Freight House, a historic railroad building just north of Union Station in the Crossroads Arts District.

1:15 p.m. Load motor coach

2:00-5:00 p.m. Tour Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa and other
LWCF parks in Johnson Co., KS

5:00 p.m. Motor coach returns to hotel

Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Lenexa

During a tour of a tour of Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, we'll have the opportunity to meet Logan Wagler, City of Lenexa Parks and Recreation Director, President of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA) and Chair of KRPA's Professional Development Committee. Logan will discuss the LWCF projects that helped fund development at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. Recreation amenities abound at this park, including a nine-hole disc golf course, four shelters, the Grand Pavilion, the Gazebo,



three playgrounds, a roller hockey rink, multiple sport courts, two practice fields, Indian Trails Aquatic Center, jogging/walking trails, a community garden and a fishing lake. The park also provides two RideKC Bike hubs, which provide electric-assist bikes and pedal bikes that can be rented using the RideKC Bike app. In addition, the park is the site of the Legler Barn, an 1864 limestone barn that houses Lenexa's History Museum and Archive.

As time allows, we will tour a couple of additional LWCF parks in Johnson County and may hear from Jeff Stewart, Executive Director for Johnson County Parks and Recreation District. Jeff is a certified professional (CPRP) who has dedicated his entire career to providing citizens a top quality of life through parks, trails, recreation programs, facilities, special events and activities. His efforts have been recognized by being awarded the KRPA Distinguished Professional Award. Jeff is a current member for the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee and the Kansas Recreation Park Association Professional Development Committee, as well as the Treasurer for the Parks & Recreation Foundation of Johnson County. Under Jeff's leadership, Johnson County Parks and Recreation District was the Class 1 recipient for the 2022 National Gold Medal Award through NRPA.

We'll also hear from Erika Devore, Executive Director for the Kansas Recreation and Park Association and board member for the Sunflower State Games. Erika has extensive experience in healthy lifestyle initiatives, grant writing, fundraising and association management. She is a strong advocate for the LWCF Stateside Assistance Program and leveraging LWCF funding to provide healthy outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the state.

AREA DINING

Monday & Tuesday Lunch & Dinner:

Restaurants within walking distance of hotel that are open Monday and Tuesday for lunch or dinner:

Three Owls

Located inside The Elms Hotel
elmshotelandspa.com/three-owls.htm
Hours: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

Ventana Gourmet Grill

117 W Broadway Ave St
Excelsior Springs
816-630-8600
ventanagourmetgrill.com
Hours: Mon 4-8:30 p.m.,
Tues 4-9 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Ray's Diner

(See details on top of next page)

Dinner shuttles available to these restaurants:

Applebee's Grill + Bar

2301 Vintage Court
Excelsior Springs
(816) 637-2498
Delivery available:
restaurants.applebees.com/en-us/mo/excelsior-springs/2301-vintage-court-79033/delivery
Hours: Sun-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wabash BBQ & Ice House Blues Garden

646 S. Kansas City Ave.
Excelsior Springs
816-630-7700
wabashbbq.com
Hours: Sun-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Broadway Bar & Grill

259 East Broadway
Excelsior Springs
816-637-2384
259broadway.com
Hours: Tues-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Closed Mondays

El Maguey Mexican Restaurant & Bar

2359 Vintage Dr.
Excelsior Springs
816-637-2832
elmagueyexcelsior.com
Dining In Hours:
Mon-Tue 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Delivery Hours:
Mon-Tue 11 a.m.-7 p.m.



Tuesday & Thursday Breakfast:

Restaurants within walking distance of hotel that are open for breakfast:

Ray's Diner

231 E Broadway Ave
Excelsior Springs
816-637-3432
rayslunch.com

Hours: Mon-Sat 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Other Trails

115 E. Broadway
Excelsior Springs
816-319-4425
other-trails.com

Hours: 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Café Soterian

Located inside The Elms Hotel
elmshotelandspa.com/cafe-soterian.htm
Hours: Opens at 6 a.m. daily

Three Owls

Located inside The Elms Hotel
elmshotelandspa.com/three-owls.htm
Hours: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

The Elms Market

Located inside The Elms Hotel
Hours: 24/7

Mill-Inn Restaurant

415 St Louis Ave
Excelsior Springs
816-637-8008

Hours: Wed-Mon 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays



AREA EXPLORING

Discover New Places:

Explore the area on your own Monday & Saturday (*maps available at the back of this book*):

Hall of Waters Museum

201 E. Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816-637-2811
Hours: Mon 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Museum

101 E. Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816-630-0101
esmuseum.com
Hours: Sat 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jesse James Farm and Museum

21216 Jesse James Farm Rd.
Kearney, MO 64060
816-736-8500
jessejamesmuseum.org/plan-your-visit
Hours: Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun noon-4 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Downtown Trails

Especially Fishing River Linear Park Trail (LWCF site)
hes-prcc.com/downtown-trails

Siloam Mountain Park

LWCF site
es-prcc.com/siloam-mountain-park

The Elms Hotel Paranormal Tour

Tour Time: 9 p.m.
(approx. 45 min-1 hour)
Additional tours will be added based on demand
\$20.00 per person
Sign up at front desk upon check-in
(*limited availability due to social distancing*)

Downtown Excelsior Springs Historic Building Walking Tour



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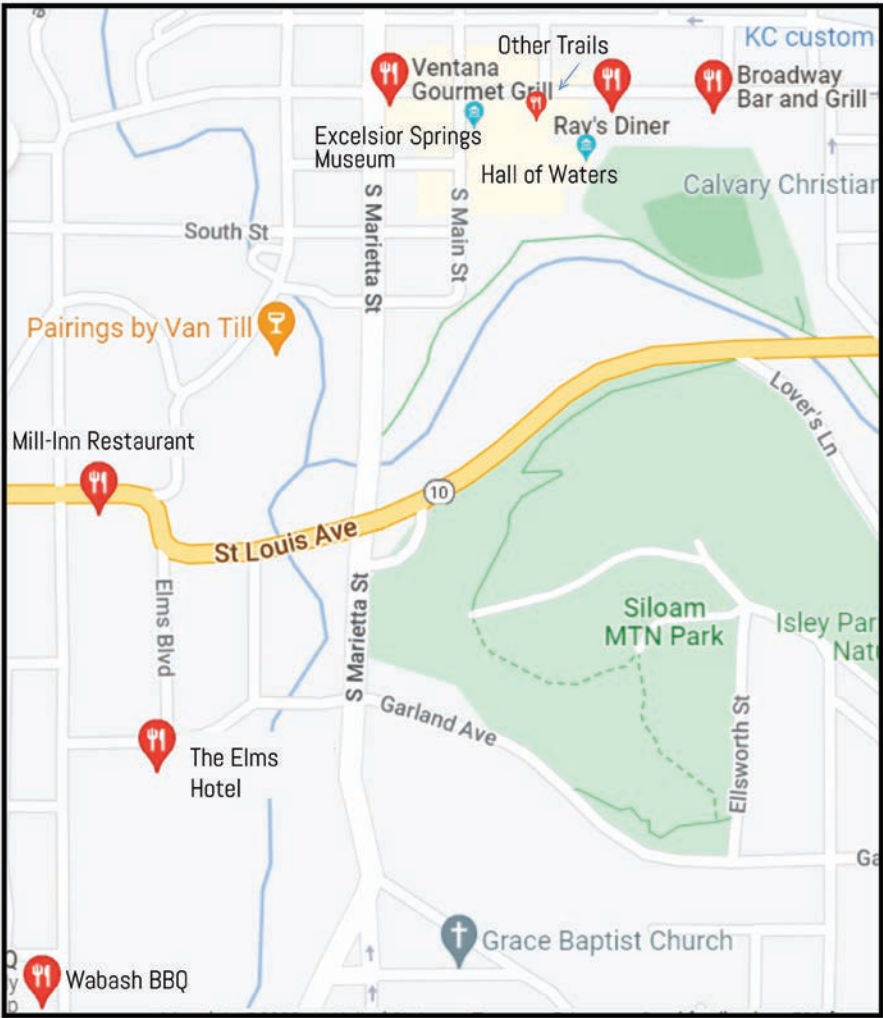


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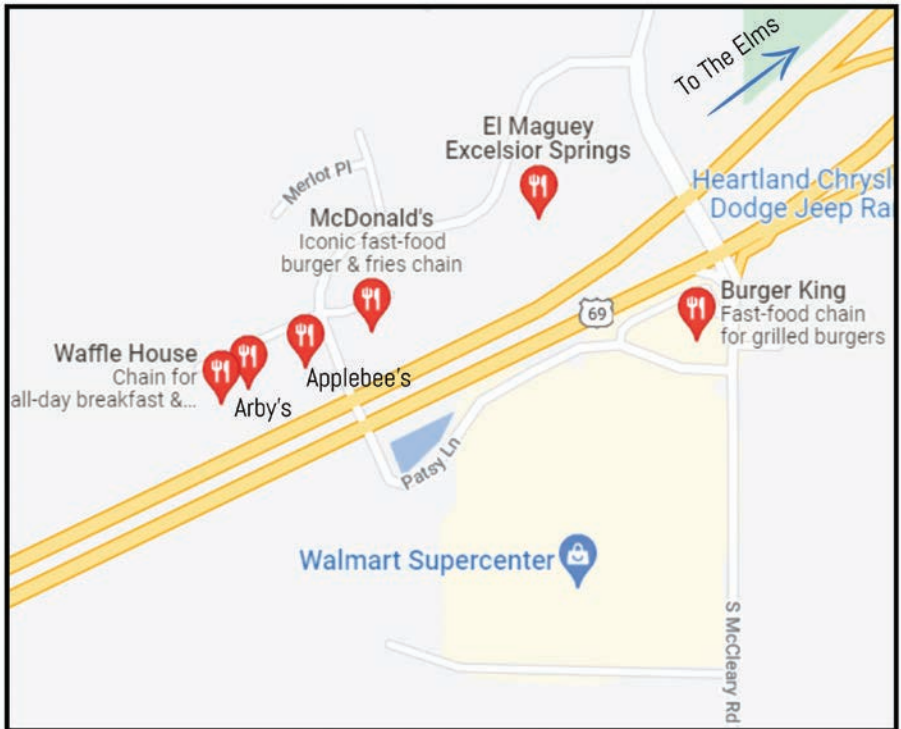


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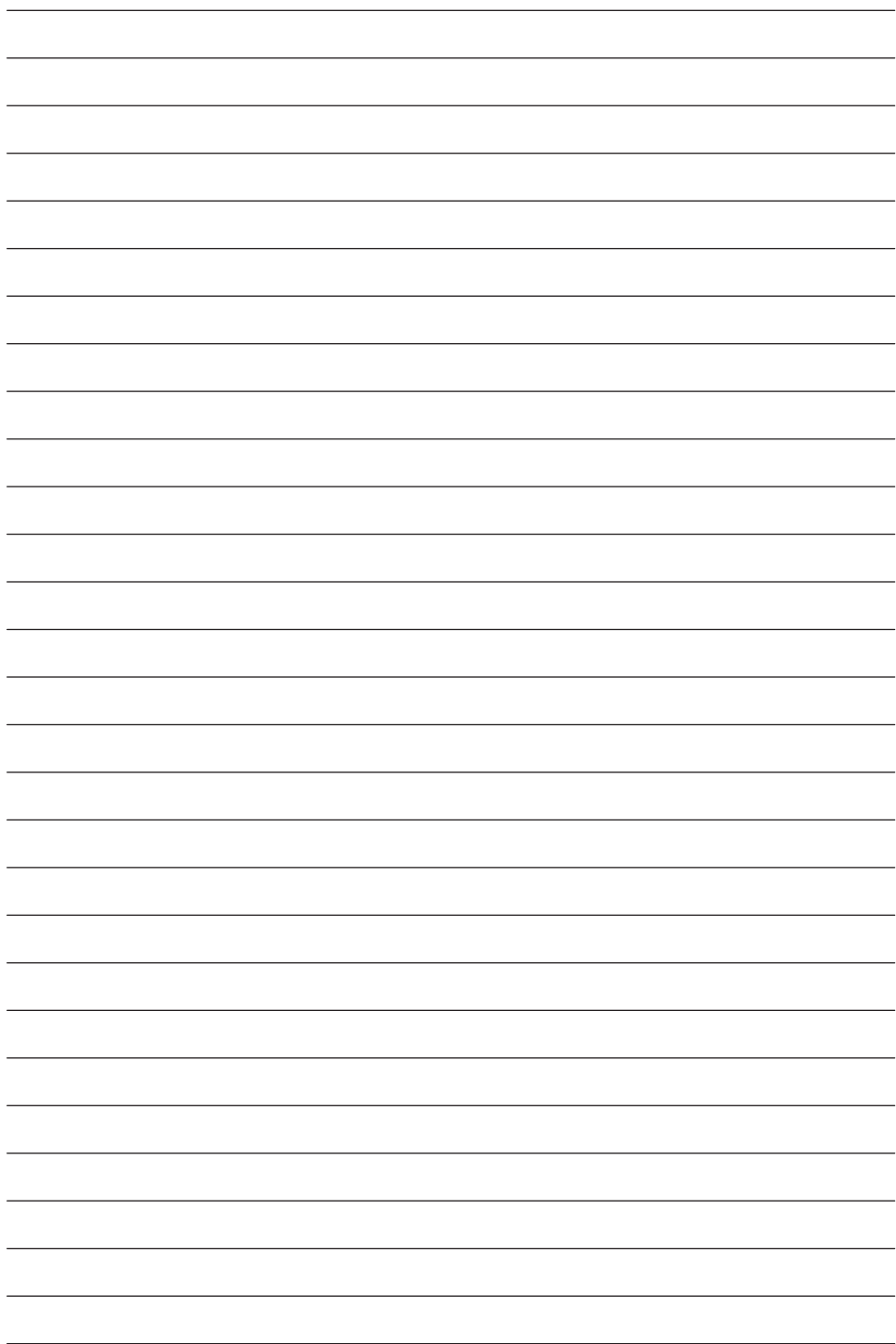
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