



## PIAC REQUEST 2020

### ORGANIZATION

Primary: Roanoke Park Conservancy (DISTRICT 4)

Supporters: Coleman Highlands Neighborhood Association, Roanoke Neighborhood Association, and Volker Neighborhood Association

### REQUEST CATEGORY

Park Improvement

### PARKS

Roanoke Park – South Meadow

### PROBLEM LOCATION

Roanoke Park South Meadow – Adjacent Playground, Gordon Parks School, and Tennis Court

### POTENTIAL NON-CITY FUNDING SOURCES

Roanoke Parks Conservancy - **\$15,000** Pollinator Gardens Installation (Labor, Soil, Plants, Mulch)  
Kissick Construction – **In-Kind** (Earthwork, Topsoil Import, Compost) \$15,000 Value  
Roanoke Park Conservancy + Neighborhood Volunteers – **In Kind** Maintenance (Weeding/Watering)

### REQUEST DESCRIPTION

This year’s funding focuses on increasing activity and programming to activate the area surrounding the newly enhancement sport court and playground. We hope to deter undesirable activity including drug use, violent activities, homeless camping, and dumping that are occurring adjacent the playground/tennis courts. Because of the unique natural setting (bluffs, caves, and springs) we feel this provides a unique and inclusive play opportunity for all ages and abilities, especially younger children in Kansas City’s urban core. The existing ADA ramps provides access for proposed hillsides. Adjacency to the Gordon Parks school provides opportunity for outdoor learning beyond park visitors.

Priority #1: We are proposing an accessible nature trail around the court, adjacent the limestone bluff. Pollinator gardens and signage would be provided adjacent the trail. A play area adjacent the sport court includes hillsides from the existing ADA walk, multi-generational/dual swings, sensory play climbers, and a small informal gathering space for play, creative performance, and learning.

Priority #2: A natural water play area with hand operated pumps, small water channels, and water play tables adjacent the existing spring and cave is proposed, just 60 feet from existing playground.

Priority #3: A long embankment slide adjacent the existing stairs to Gordon Parks School.

### 2020 PIAC FUNDING REQUEST

Priority #1 - \$265,000 - Nature + Play, Younger Age Play, Inclusive Play, Education (2020)

Priority # 2 - \$140,000 – Natural Water Play (2021)

Priority # 3 - \$200,000 – Embankment Slide (2022)