



Nature Trail & Community Garden

Nature Trail Naming Opportunity: \$100,000

Community Garden Naming Opportunity: \$30,000

Total Fundraising Goal: \$130,000

There is a strong emphasis in the area on connecting the community via trails and on local food production. The new Clark Pleasant Branch will have an area for trails and a community garden. This area will provide families and individuals a place to exercise and connect with nature. The community garden will be integrated into library programming and invite the neighborhood to try their hand at food and plant production. The trail and community garden will be tremendous assets to Johnson County.

Fitness & Nature Trail

The trail will be a loop behind the library that encircles the community garden. Asphalt is planned for the trail itself and fundraising will include the addition of native plants and trees along the path. Landscaping will help set the scene for an enjoyable stroll while residents exercise.

Community Garden

Inside the trail loop, raised garden beds will allow our patrons to grow a variety of food and plants in a true community garden way. Community gardens make it possible for many people to enjoy a resource they could not afford on their own – a full-fledged garden. The benefits of community gardens include cultivating a healthy lifestyle – of both eating and fitness. The learning experiences for children growing vegetables and flowers is a good introduction to the environment and sustainable food sources.

Additional Landscaping

Part of the funds raised for our outdoor experience will include additional landscaping of native plants and trees near the trail and other parts of the property. Some of the natural grasses and flowers include Fox Sedge, Little Bluestem, Prairie Dropseed, Palm Sedge, Bottle Gentian, Blue Flag Iris, Dense Blazing Star and Purple Coneflower. Trees that are desired for this project include Sun Valley Maple, Tulip Poplar, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Eastern Redbud and Pagoda Dogwood.