

## Public Ownership of Property in the Brush Creek Corridor

### Property Ownership by Public Entities

Brush Creek Community Partners, a coalition of institutions, businesses and community groups, seeks to foster ongoing investment within the Brush Creek Corridor. As such, the organization has an interest in responsible stewardship of properties owned by public entities. To gather information on public ownership of properties in Brush Creek Corridor, Brush Creek Community Partners asked the Applied Urban Research Institute, a non-profit research and planning firm, to analyze City data within the study area of 39th Street to 55th Street, from Main Street to Elmwood Avenue.

While the Brush Creek Corridor has seen much recent investment by private entities of late, it is also the location of much public property ownership. Some of this ownership is of facilities and land that add value to the Corridor; parkland and educational uses in particular add to the quality of life for residents and visitors.

The prevailing public property ownership in terms of numbers of parcels is vacant land: 599 parcels in the area from Main Street to Elmwood Avenue, 39th Street to 55th Street, are owned by the Jackson County Land Trust. Following an effort by the county to sell tax- delinquent properties, the Land Trust acquires any unsold parcels. These vacant, formerly residential parcels represent 3.1 percent of the area's acreage.

Clusters of Land Trust ownership can be found in several neighborhoods, including:

- Blue Hills, north of 51st Street
- Ivanhoe, north of 45th Street and particularly north of 42nd Street
- Oak Park, between 43rd and 45th Streets
- Vineyard, particularly between 43rd and 45th Streets

The University of Missouri-Kansas City, a state-supported institution, is another significant landholder in terms of area. Its 52 properties are mostly campus buildings, and account for 39 percent of the study area's acreage.

On the municipal side, the **Kansas City, Missouri Parks & Recreation Department** owns 49 parcels in this area. Some of these parcels are named and designated for park uses, while others are merely held by that agency. The 12.6 percent of the study area represented by park property underscores the important of green space to the Corridor. Other city departments owning a few parcels each are Finance, Fire, Health, and Public Works.

The Housing Authority of Kansas City holds 22 properties in the Brush Creek Corridor, including two multifamily apartment buildings for seniors, as well as several scattered-site single family homes.

A total of 13 properties are owned by the Kansas City, Missouri School District. These properties encompass the campuses of Bancroft, Chick, Montessori, Holliday, Kansas City Middle School of the Arts, Paseo Academy, and Westport High and Middle Schools.

The chart below provides a summary of the 760 publicly-owned properties in this study area, which account for 5 percent of all parcels and 26 percent of the study area's total acreage.

**Publicly-owned properties, Main to Elmwood, 39th to 55th:**

Owner	Parcels	% Parcels	Acreage	%Acreage
City of Kansas City. Missouri				
• Finance, Fire Health, Public Works	2	<0.1%	102.0	3.5%
• Homesteading Authority	2	<0.1%	0,5	<0.1%
• Housing Authority	22	0.2%	6.1	0.2%
• Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority	9	<0.1%	1.9	<0.1%
• Parks	49	0.4%	367.1	12.6%
Jackson County Land Trust	599	4.4%	90.8	3.1%
Kansas City, Missouri School District	13	<0.1%	83.0	2.8%
United States of America	2	<0.1%	2.1	<0.1%
University of Missouri-Kansas City	52	0.4%	114.0	3.9%
<b>Total publicly-owned</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>767.5</b>	<b>26.3%</b>
<b>Total within boundary</b>	<b>13,728</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>2,920.5</b>	<b>26.3%</b>

Note: This data was obtained from the City of Kansas City, Missouri property database, the source of which is Jackson County. Changes to this information can be 5-6 months delayed. In addition, some peculiarities may exist in ownership records, such as part of Brush Creek Parkway shown as owned by the City rather than specifically by the Parks Department.