

## Facebook Live Q&A on June 1, 2016 regarding Twin Creeks Design Competition

I'm Jeffrey Williams, the director of the City of Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Over the next hour, I am hosting a live Q&A to answer your questions about the Twin Creeks Design Competition (<http://kcmo.gov/designtwincreeks/>).

All the questions and answers will be posted to the design competition website and submission portal - RFP365 at <https://my.rfp365.com/.../0325eedb-71ae-42d4-bf5e-fdcff7771fde>

We will attempt to answer all questions during the Q & A session, but if one requires a complex response, we may take the time to provide the best information to you by posting the answer on the RFP365 website within the next 24 hours.

Please note that all your questions and the answers submitted in the Q & A session will be made public on Facebook.

Q1. What is the scope of the project? - Is it a linear park or a city plan with land uses?

A1. The focus of this competition is a potential new linear park within this area that will serve as an implementation measure of the KCI Area. Please see the briefing document and [site website](#) for new ideas.

Q2. We are interested in entering the Twin Creeks competition and were wondering if you have the base file in a different file format? We are unable to open GIS files and hoped you could issue as dwg or dxf files. Even a pdf would be helpful.

A2. It has been suggested by members of our staff that you might consider looking QGIS, which is a free GIS program in which you should be able open the layers and convert them to a preferred file type

Q3. I have created an account on RFP 365; does this mean our company is registered for the competition?

A3. If you created an account on the RFP365 portal, you are registered for the competition. You will still need to submit a complete application.

Q4. What geographic boundaries define the potential development nodes?

A4. The boundaries of the potential development nodes are defined by radial distances from the intersection of a parkway with an arterial road. Higher density, mixed use development is encouraged within a ½ mile radius of the intersection of a parkway and it is bounded by multi-family development and single family residential development.

Q5. Is the project a linear park, or a city plan with multiple land uses? 2. What is the site boundary for this exercise? 3. Is there a geographic boundary around the development nodes?

A5. The focus of this project is for the development of a linear park concept which will be focused around the City's stream setback in the planning area. The development nodes are located in 2 distinct areas which are detailed in the Twin Creeks Task Force Report

Q6. Would suggested city growth patterns by our team be a detriment to your review of the solution?

A6. The focus of the competition is the development of a linear parks system. Please refer to the existing adopted KCI and Gashland - Nashua area plans and the Twin Creeks Task Force Study on the project website.

Q7. Hi Jeffrey - Is there current demographic information available for the Twin Creeks area? Also, can anyone submit a design proposal?

A7. Because we only recently extended sewer service, the area is now is very lightly populated – but we will provide a census profile of the area in the project website

Q8. Can anyone submit a design proposal? For example, could students outside Kansas City participate?

A8. Yes, students can submit a design proposal. The Twin Competition will also select one student submission for honorable mention (no cash prize). All participants on student design teams must be currently enrolled in an accredited academic institution.

Q9. The briefing document and some of the supplied supporting document seem to focus primarily on the western creek watershed. Is it the intent of the competition to have the park follow both stream corridors?

A9. Ultimately we will be looking at both creeks, but for this competition we are focusing on Second Creek (western creek).

Q10. How would the linear park relate to the City's existing trails network?

A10. The linear park would serve as a backbone of the area, aesthetically and physically linking future developments, connecting to and extending the KC Trails system, providing open space and a variety of recreational needs for new and existing Northland residents. The KC Trails Plan can be found on the project website at <http://kcmo.gov/design/twincreeks>

Q11. Is there a restriction on how far you can spread the new development? Can you go beyond the nodes?

A11. The boundaries of the potential development nodes are defined by radial distances from the intersection of a parkway with an arterial road. Higher density, mixed use development is encouraged within a ½ mile radius of the development nodes that are shown in the Twin Creeks Taskforce report.

Q12. How will the winning submissions be used?

A12. Results from the competition will be used as an inspiration for the future development of Twin Creeks. The design competition is meant to begin a dialogue about the future of this area and will build upon ongoing trail and park improvement efforts throughout the area.

Q13. Are there any restrictions on what the prize money can be used for?

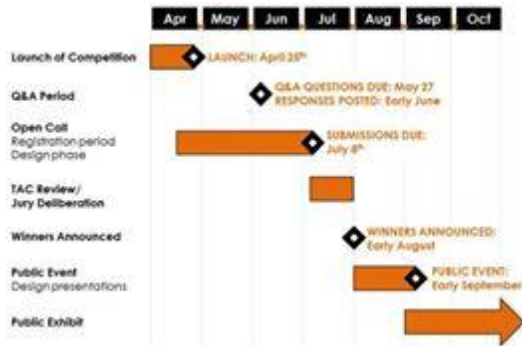
A13. There are no restrictions associated with the competition.

Follow up Q13. So I can use the prize money for anything? Travel expenses, materials..etc??

Follow up A13. The prize money may be used at your discretion. There are no identified competition costs or expenses for which the prize money must be used.

Q14. What is the timing of the competition?

A14. The competition timeline is below. Please see page 9 of the design competition brief for more details.



Submissions are due by July 8th. To submit a proposal, go to <https://my.rfp365.com/public/rfp/0325eedb-71ae-42d4-bf5e-fdcff7771fde>

Q15. What prompted the city to create a competition to reimagine the Twin Creeks area?

A.15. In 2015, the City's Water Services Department completed a sanitary sewer extension into the Twin Creeks area, As a proactive measure, the City established a task force to undertake a public/private planning effort to determine how to finance and build the area's needed infrastructure to promote quality development, maximize the City's investments, and determine the proper blend of development types. We see this design competition as an important next step as City staff works with the area's community partners to implement a linear park system in Twin Creeks that would connect to Kansas City's extensive trails network, and provide a link to other areas in the Northland and to Downtown.

Q16. How will the park connect to adjacent private developments?

A16. We envision access from residential communities adjacent to the linear park through sidewalk linkages and access points from a neighborhood's recreational areas. Our hope is the pedestrian experience between the linear park network and adjacent residential areas are seamless.

Q17. Would it be possible to get dwg or pdf versions of the GIS files?

A17. It has been suggested by members of our staff that you might consider looking at QGIS, which is a free GIS program in which you should be able to open the layers and convert them to a preferred file type.

Q18. Who are the judges or jury members? How are they going to choose the winners?

A18. The jury will choose the winners and is made up of the following individuals: Amanda Burden, FAICP, Principal, Bloomberg Associates and previous Director of City Planning, City of New York  
Amber Hackett Crosby, Commissioner, KC Board of Parks and Recreation, Philip Enquist, FAICP, Partner in charge of Urban Design and Planning, SOM, John Fierro, President/CEO Mattie Rhodes Center, Robin Ganser, Principal at Coen + Partners, Mark McHenry, Director, KCMO Parks and Recreation Department, Aaron Schmidt, Assistant GM of Planning and Construction – Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Alicia Stephens, Director – Platte County Economic Development Council, Michael Vance Toombs, Director – Storytellers Inc. Artist Collective

Q19. Hi Jeffrey-what are some of your favorite linear parks?

A19. Thanks for your question Ally. The High Line in NYC is definitely a park space that provides both a unique recreational experience and a truly one -of-a-kind environment.

Q20. Are there any demographic data or market analysis reports that could be shared?

A20. We don't currently have demographic information for this area but will post an area census profile in the next few days. We have not conducted a market analysis report for this area,

Q21. How did you decide on the four design scenarios?

A21. We chose them because these are expected interactions both in the plan area and throughout the City.

Q22. When will the winners be announced? Thanks!

A22. The winners will be announced in August...follow the #DesignTwinCreeks for future updates.

Q23. Has any testing been done on the creek (water quality, bank cutback, etc.) to determine the overall health status of the stream corridor?

A23. The City's Water Services Department is conducting a geomorphological for this area which will be completed later this year which will be important relating to future development in the area for the Twin Creeks Area focus of this competition is within the stream setback area established by the City for Second Creek.

Q24. What if I own land in the area. Will anything happen to it? #eminentdomain

A24. Nothing will happen to your property based on the competition designs. The design competition is calling for inventive design ideas to trigger a discussion. Any future built projects will require comprehensive public process to involve local stakeholders.