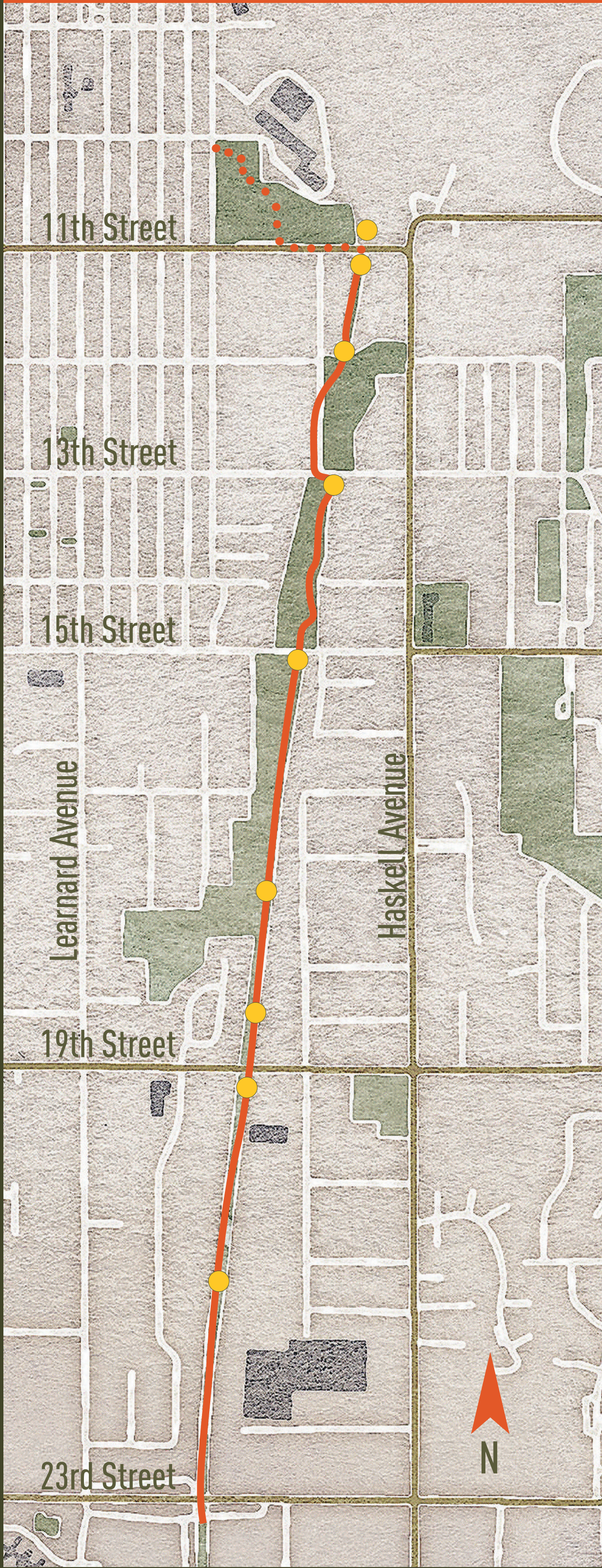


## BURROUGHS CREEK TRAIL & LINEAR PARK



# PREVIEW THE FUTURE OF THE PAST

## Envisioning The Burroughs Creek Trail As A Hike Through History

The Burroughs Creek Trail and Linear Park is the active transportation corridor on the east side of Lawrence. It stretches 1.7 miles from 11th Street in the north to 23rd Street in the south, paralleling Burroughs Creek. Opened in 2010, the paved trail follows the route of a former rail line dating back to the mid-19th century. It is considered one of the crown jewels of the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department.

But what if this pleasant pathway through Anywhere, USA, could be further enhanced into an engaging “hike through history?” What if it could become a route where residents and visitors alike could reconnect with the past through appropriately-located and well-designed interpretive signage, a place where people could exercise their bodies and minds at the same time?

That’s the guiding idea behind this traveling exhibit. The Burroughs Creek Trail passes by locations that tie together William Clarke Quantrill and Langston Hughes, 19th-century travelers on the Oregon Trail and World War II-era German prisoners of war, the artistry of William S. Burroughs and the agricultural history of Douglas County. Along the way, there are opportunities to learn about the legacies of long ago Lawrence residents whose names still grace streets and parks.

This exhibit offers an example of how these stories could be told. It is also intended to spark conversation and suggestions for other stories. If you have any ideas along these lines, please let us know on the sheets provided for that purpose. We welcome your input. This project still has miles to go and we look forward to adding additional interpretive signage. Thanks for joining us on the journey.

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