



Policy Title: Riverfront Design Policy Statement

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**Friends of the Kaw Position on Riverfront Design:**

- Friends of the Kaw supports and encourages communities with riverfront footage to design projects for protection of their cities and public structures in a manner consistent with protection and preservation of the river system.
- Friends of the Kaw advocates that no new structures be installed that prevent the Kansas River from flowing freely
- Friend of the Kaw advocates for natural, native vegetation to be installed to protect the river, water quality, and wildlife habitat.
- Friends of the Kaw advocates for any riverfront projects to include opportunities that enhance and promote public enjoyment and access to the Kansas River.
- Friends of the Kaw advocates to be consulted on initial planning stages of any future riverfront development including in-river and riparian ecosystems.
- Friends of the Kaw recommends that any new designs account for increasingly variable flow due to the changing climate and utilize natural riparian and wetland protection and floodplain reconnection to ensure the resiliency of the river during flood and drought cycles.