

Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe / Sacred Red Rock Project

Information

- Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe / the Sacred Red Rock is a 28-ton red Siouxan quartzite boulder currently located in Robinson Park in Lawrence, Kansas. It was moved there from the confluence of the Shunganunga Creek and Kansas River in 1929 to become a monument to the early founders of the City of Lawrence.
- In March of 2021, the Lawrence City Commission unanimously approved joint City / County resolution No.7358 for the unconditional return of Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe to Kaw Nation.
- The Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe / Sacred Red Rock Project, led by members of the Kaw Nation in collaboration with the City of Lawrence, University of Kansas, Spencer Museum of Art, Kanza Heritage Society and others, will relocate Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe to Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park, near Council Grove. This land, owned by the tribe since 2002, is a portion of the final reservation lands of the Kaw Nation in Kansas before their 1873 relocation to Indian Territory (Oklahoma).
- The project is being supported by a \$5 million dollar Mellon Foundation Monuments Project grant to the University of Kansas. Funds will be used primarily for the relocation of Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe, including infrastructure at Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park to support its display, security, and interpretation. Additional funds will be used for the creation of a documentary, a book, and to engage communities in both Council Grove and Lawrence, specifically about developing creative approaches to the use and interpretation of Robinson Park Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe is moved.

Anticipated Timeline (subject to change)

2022

June – August	Community engagement with groups in Council Grove
September – November	Community engagement with groups in Lawrence

2023

May – October	Infrastructure and interpretive work at Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park
July – December	Re-envisioning Robinson Park

2024

TBD	I ⁿ 'zhúje'waxóbe moved to Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park
October	Final report submitted to all participants

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