



Policy Two

Riverfront

Encourage restoration and preservation of the riverfront as a valuable asset to be used by the entire community.

58.6% strongly agree or agree that the Kansas River and its banks are a major resource for the City and County and should be capitalized upon in any future development.

A riverfront is a valuable asset and should be treated as such. The river should be accessible and exploited in all future urban design and planning. Walkways on the edge, open views, continuation of major vistas, and bikeways should all be part of a linear park. The focus should be the Downtown, with the visual link between the Capitol and the old train station. In North Topeka.



+5.6 Image 63-1 This walkway along the river blends with the natural condition.



+5.0 Image 61-1 This walkway along the river is pedestrian geared, formal and open

The images on this page represent the extraordinary change in value that can occur when the waterfront is opened. This view is from North Topeka looking across the river up Van Buren to the capitol Building. The image on the top was the lowest rated image in the survey. A poor rating is not only a reflection of the negative aesthetic aspects but also of the negative effect on the economic value of this property. Is the best use a storage/warehouse facility give its strategic location?.



-6.5 Image 60-1 Existing land overlooking the river and downtown.



+5.4 Image 62-1 This is a simulation of the previous image with an added park.