

BETWEEN THE ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

HOME RETURN OF Iⁿ'ZHÚJE'WAXÓBE CURRICULUM

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The Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe/Sacred Red Rock Project Receives Mellon Monuments Grant

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On April 4th, 2022, the [Mellon Foundation](#) announced a major grant to the Iⁿ'zhúje'waxóbe/Sacred Red Rock Project (formerly known as Between the Rock and a Hard Place) for the return of a 28-ton red

Siouxan quartzite boulder located for the past ninety-three years in Robinson Park, Lawrence, Kansas to the Kaw Nation.

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, this two and half year project 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).

On behalf of the Kaw Nation, Vice-Chairman James Pepper Henry said, “The Kaw Nation is grateful and humbled to receive generous support from the Mellon Foundation for the return of our sacred ancestor In'zhúje'waxóbe. This grant will also provide resources to implement an interpretive plan and infrastructure for our visitors to learn about the Kaw people, the original inhabitants of Kansas. We look forward to working in cooperation with the City of Lawrence, University of Kansas, and other project partners to facilitate this process, and to strengthen our relationship and visibility with the citizens of Kansas.”

A key aspect of the project is acknowledging and redressing the harm done when In'zhúje'waxóbe was moved from its original location at the confluence of the Shunganunga Creek and Kansas River near

Tecumseh, Kansas to Robinson Park in Lawrence in 1929 to become the base for a monument to the City's "Pioneers."

This \$5 million dollar grant will support the relocation of I'zhúje'waxóbe, infrastructure and interpretation at Allegawaho Park, and programming in Lawrence (and Council Grove) that engages the community in this multifaceted story and envisions new possibilities for the place now known as Robinson Park.

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