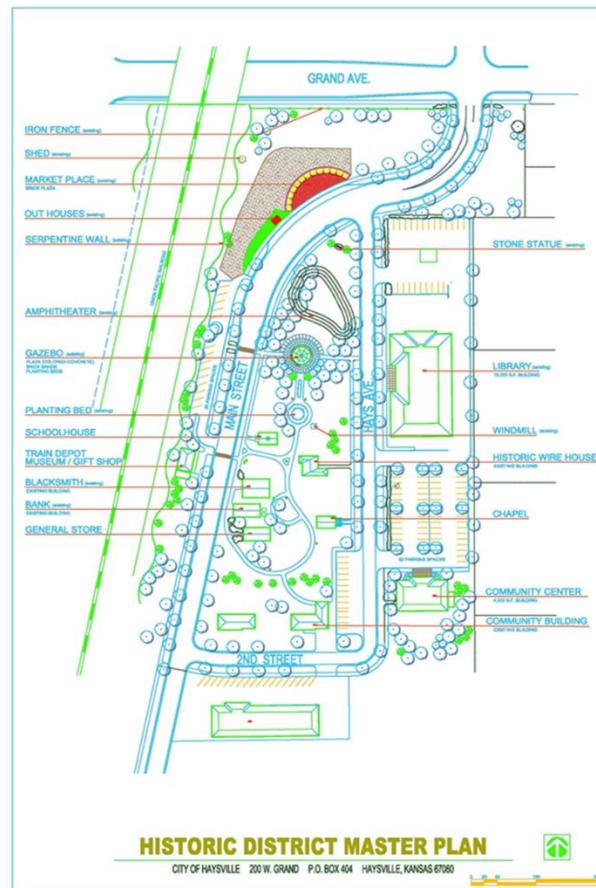


Main Street with new businesses and Haysville's first water tower, circa 1921.



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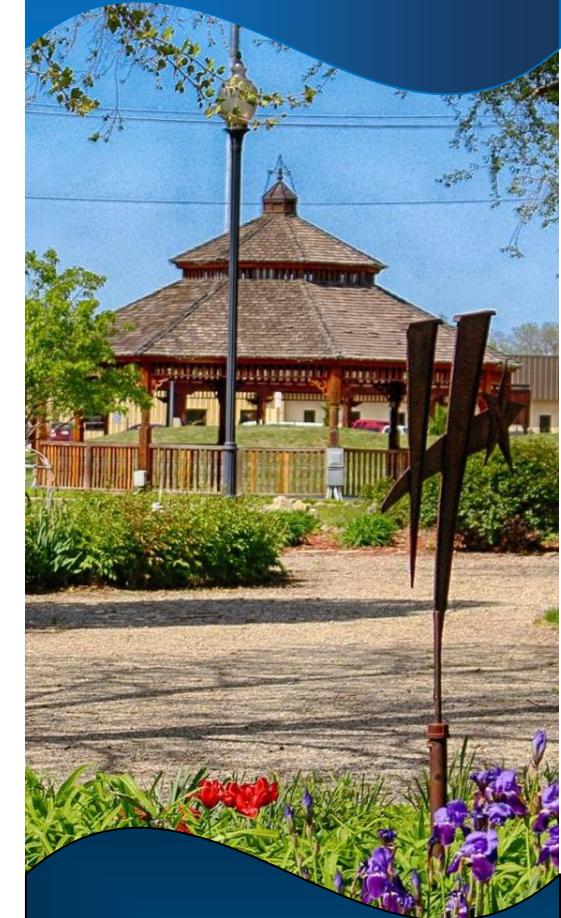
Historic District Master Plan



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W.W. Hays Village Historic Park



Located on S. Main Street,
South of Grand Avenue

On May 3, 1999 the City of Haysville was devastated when an F4 tornado ripped through the first platted area of Haysville known as the Historic District. The only thing left standing was the bank vault.

The devastation was heartbreaking but it only encouraged the Historic Committee and the community to locate and save everything they could to rebuild and recreate what was originally Haysville.

One of the most important tasks was to designate the Historic District as a Park. This ensured that the Historic District would remain a Historic area. With the new designation, the Historic Committee set out to rebuild the destroyed structures including the bank, which meant locating as many of the original bricks as possible. The committee located approximately 25% of the original bricks, some of which had been salvaged and taken out of state.

Today, the Historic District Park now includes the Wire House Art Gallery, Blacksmith Shop, Haysville State Bank and accompanying outhouses, Community Building, Hometown Market pergola, Historic Gazebo, perennial gardens, a windmill, and the Haysville Community Library.

Blacksmith Shop



John Ward built the original blacksmith shop in 1914. The shop flourished until the early 1940's when the United States was brought into the conflict of WWII. The shop never recovered, but, the building remained until the 1999 tornado. The existing blacksmith shop is a reproduction of the original shop and is located on the original site. It is utilized by the Central States Metal Artisans for meetings and demonstrations.

Haysville State Bank



The Haysville State Bank was founded by Fred G. Stearns and a group of stockholders in 1919. Fred and his wife, Mabel, handled the bank transactions. In 1955 the bank moved to 107 Wayne. After the 1999 tornado the bank was rebuilt around the original bank vault with the front façade being the original brick that was saved from the rubble left by the tornado.

Wire House

The Wire House is named for Edgar and Francis Wire who lived in the home in the early 1900's. The home was originally located at 138 Hays. In 2001 the home was donated to the City and was relocated to the Historic Park where it operates as an art gallery.

Community Building

The Community Building was constructed at 130 E. 2nd Street in 2000. Citizens are invited to utilize the building for meetings, dinners, parties, and other events. Please contact City Hall (316) 529-5900 for reservations and rental fees.

Hometown Market

A wooden pergola was constructed in the Historic District Park and houses the Hometown Market. This market is a great place for local vendors to showcase their art, sell their homegrown vegetables and so much more through the spring and summer months. Vendors who wish to rent a space in the pergola are invited to contact the Historic Committee for reservations.

Perennial Gardens



The Historic Park is home to some of the most beautiful gardens in the City of Haysville and have resulted in couples exchanging their wedding vows in the gazebo using the perennial gardens as a back drop. Through the hard work and dedication of volunteers of the Historic Committee and the community, the Perennial Gardens have become a favorite place for everyone to visit. Whether using the gardens as part of a photo shoot for weddings or senior photos, they are a wonderful addition to the Historic District.

The Future

The Historic Committee continues to work towards completion of the Master Plan for the Historic District and has added to its objectives an additional project to include the listing of the Vickers Building located at 140 N. Main St. This building is the first 'batwing' designed service station built by the Vickers Petroleum Company, and plans are to continue its preservation.

In 2016, the City of Haysville was accepted as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the Kansas Historical Society and the Historic Committee is looking forward to working with KHS in future preservation efforts.

The Historic Committee meets at 5:30 PM on the third Tuesday each month at City Hall, 200 W. Grand Avenue and would like to extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to attend and preserve the history of Haysville.