

C Northwest Missouri State Park Committee, Developmental Proposal, 1925  
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#### INTRODUCTION

Promotional book of letters, descriptions, blueprint and photographs presenting the merits of Lanowa Park in Buchanan and Andrew counties in order to petition the Missouri State Park Commission to establish it as a Missouri State Park.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The volume was transferred from the State Historical Society of Missouri to the Manuscripts collection on 18 May 1984 (Accession No. 2525).

#### ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

In 1925 the St. Joseph Ad Club created a proposal to secure the area known as Lanowa as a Missouri State Park. Lanowa begins in the extreme northwestern corner of Buchanan and extends along river bluffs through Andrew and Holt counties, Missouri.

A number of Ad Club members were appointed to form a special State Park Committee to submit the proposal. The committee was composed of Dr. B.W. Murphy, Chairman, R.M. Soper, L.J. Morgan, William L. Goetz, Orville L. Moffet, C.E. Busch, along with other individuals.

The proposal was submitted to the Missouri State Park Commission with the following recommendations: that immediate steps be taken to secure Lanowa as a State Park so as to put a stop to any further destruction of its rare primitive beauty and objects of interest and that the club take prompt measures to present the subject matter of this report to all other clubs of this city and vicinity together with an invitation to co-operate with the committee.

The natural wonders of Lanowa were emphasized, along with its historical significance to Native American people, who considered the area sacred. Other aspects such as topography, flora and fauna, accessibility and serviceability were emphasized.

The area known as Lanowa was eventually made into an area known as Sunbridge Hills, and is part of the Buchanan County, Missouri, conservation areas.

#### VOLUME LIST

Location, Mezzanine, Row 4, V-30

v. 1	Lanowa State Park Proposal Book. Lanowa, from "Wawa-Lano-Wa," meaning, "land of the road to paradise," located in Buchanan and Andrew Counties, Missouri. The book contains a letter from the Mayor of St. Joseph, Missouri, Henry E. Grosser, to the State Historical Society of Missouri, asking the Society to take the book into their archives after the State Park Commission is through with it; letter from Mayor Henry Grosser to Mr. Harry Becker, President of the St. Joseph Ad Club, thanking Becker for the good work he did in presenting the merits of Lanowa. The remainder of material includes
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	<p>a promotional pamphlet <i>La-No-Wa, A State Park for Northwest Missouri</i>; reports to the Missouri State Park Commission, providing information on Lanowa, including land boundaries; a blueprint map of Lanowa Park; photographs of various points of interest in the park, accompanied with references to Native Americans, folklore, topography and potential uses; signed petition by leaders of various civic groups and other citizens endorsing the establishment of Lanowa as a Missouri State Park, 1925.</p>
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