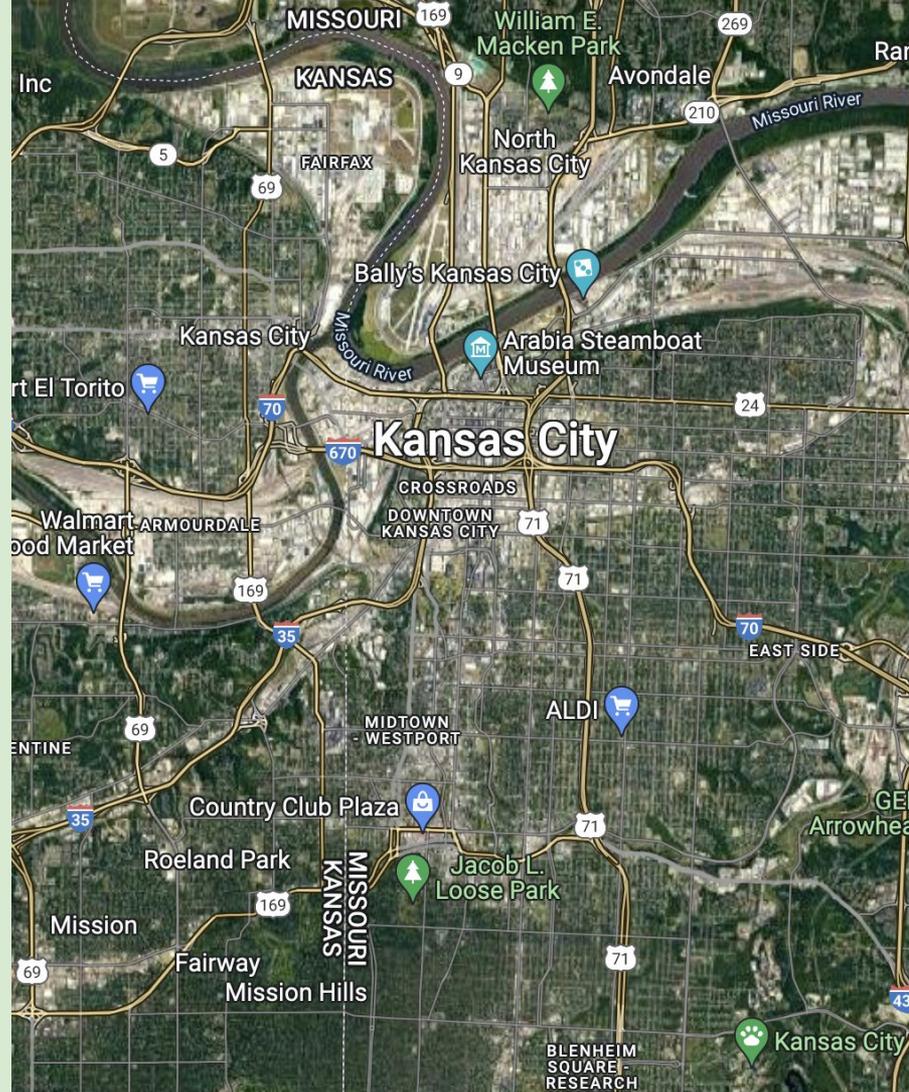
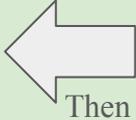
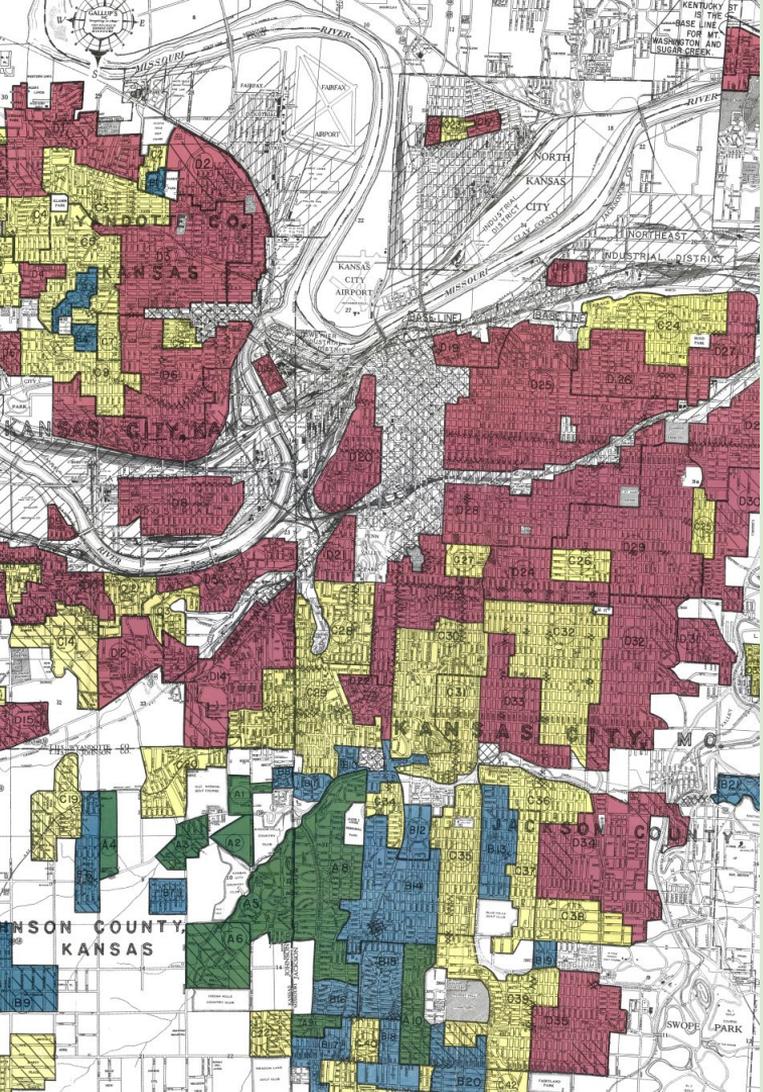


# Redlining and Green Spaces in Kansas City

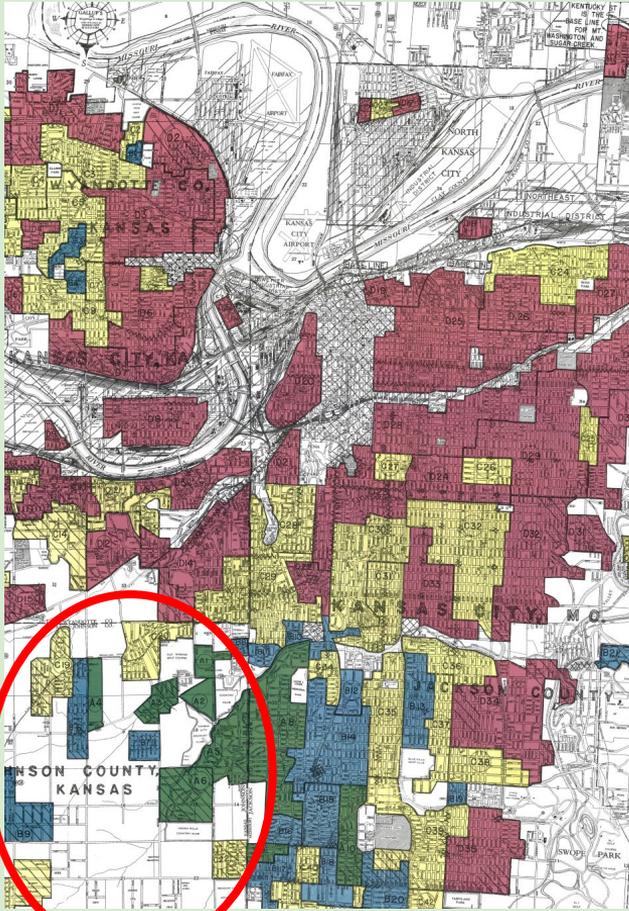


# Johnson County

Unlike most of the rest of Kansas City, Johnson County was not a redlined community - it was greenlined. This means that due to the racist belief that POCs devalued their property, there were race restrictions on who was allowed to buy a house in Johnson County. This meant that many living in redlined communities were unable to buy other property even if they had the money and resources to.

96% of homes were only available to white people

(Inside JCPRD: Was Johnson County redlined?  
<https://shawneemissionpost.com/2022/08/03/inside-jcprd-was-johnson-county-redlined-150427/>)



# J.C. Nichols

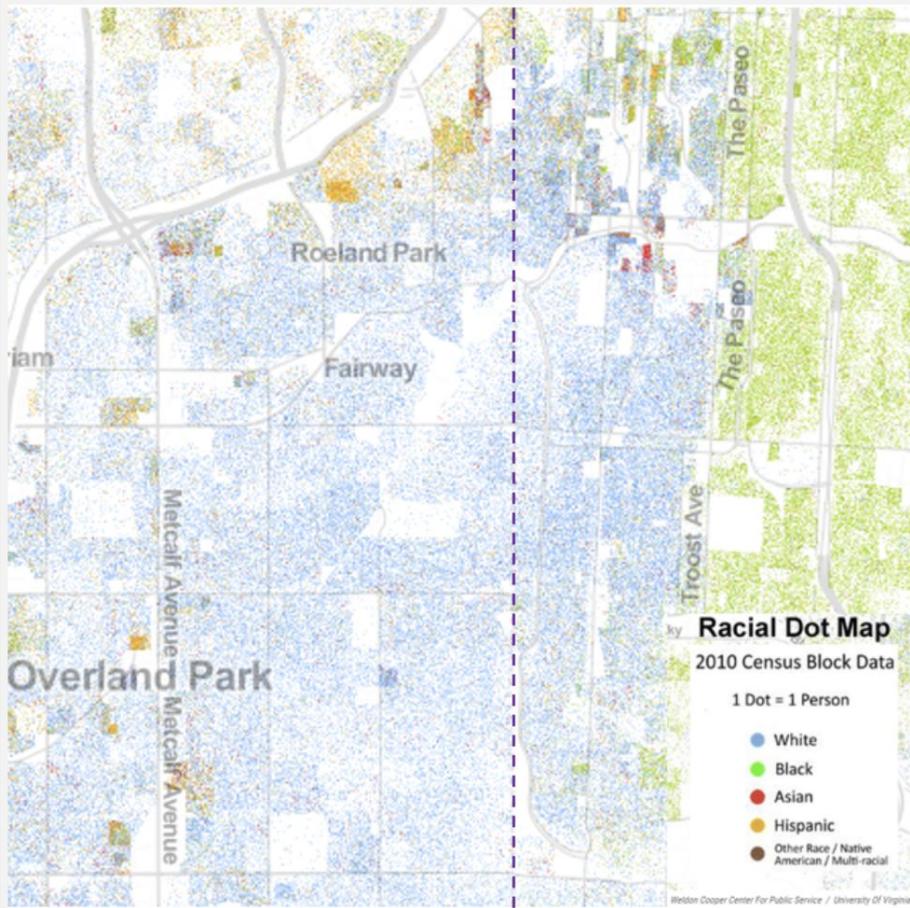
J.C. Nichols was the real estate agent that designed most of the homes in Johnson County and some in Kansas City. He priced the homes 6.5 times the yearly average income in certain areas to restrict the buyers to be wealthy.

In these neighborhoods he designed big houses to live one plots with gardens or with green spaces around them.

This helps understand why these spaces still have more green than other spaces in the Kansas City Area.

(J.C. Nichols and Johnson County

<https://jocohistory.wordpress.com/2020/07/29/j-c-nichols-johnson-county/>)



This map is a map of different races in part of Kansas City



Read the Key

Can this map get any more segregated?

This "Racial Dot Map" shows the population demographics of various southern Kansas City, Missouri and northeastern Johnson County neighborhoods. The purple dashed line is State Line Road. The majority of neighborhoods between Fairway, Overland Park, and Troost Avenue were developed by J.C. Nichols, most with racial restrictive covenants. Map courtesy of [University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service](#).

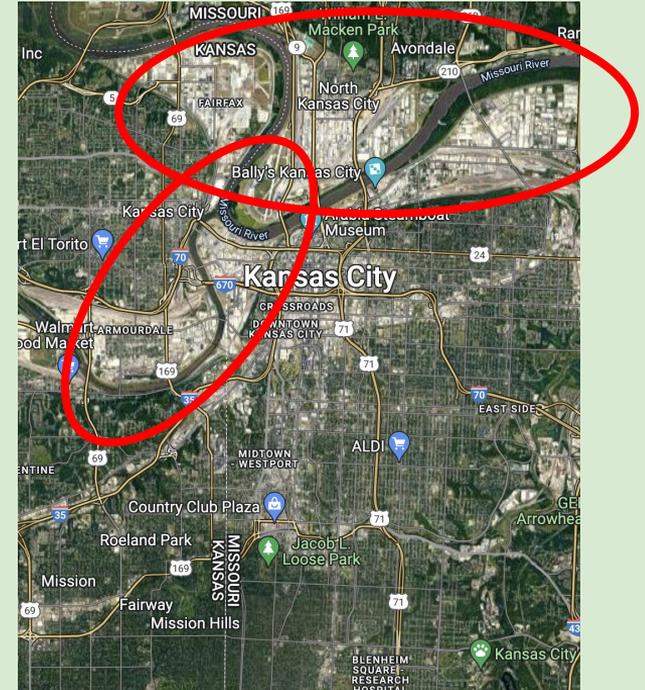
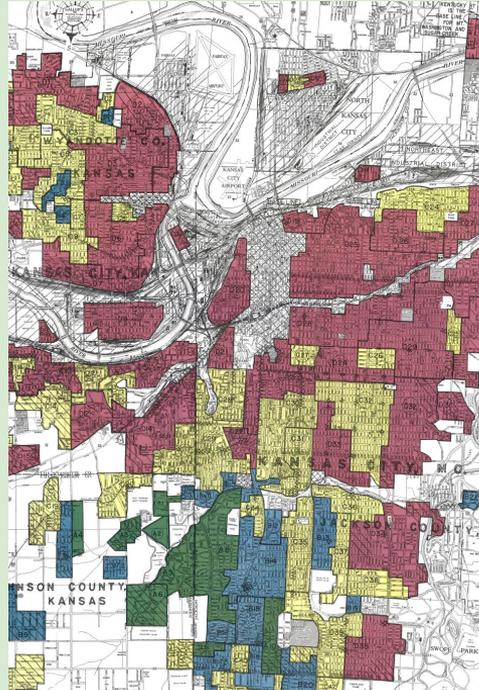
# Let's look back at the green

Most of where there is no green on the map is what was in white on the old map. White meant 'undeveloped or farmland (no probable change within 5 years)'

Now the treeless segments are the places for industry, railroads, and shopping areas. These are the areas we would need to focus on to make Kansas City greener

[www.google.com/maps/](http://www.google.com/maps/)

<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=14/39.022/-94.502&city=greater-kansas-city-mo>



# How to green spaces

There are a number of different ways to make city spaces greener including

- Planting trees
- Planting native grasses or other local fauna
- Growing gardens on roofs
- Green/living walls

# Why should we want to more green spaces?

- To decrease the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the air
- To decrease dust in the air
- To increase the amount of fresh air around us
- To regulate climate in our area, making summers less hot
- To decrease the amount of the sun's energy that gets absorbed by the asphalt (that would further heat up the Earth)
- To increase people's mental health - plants have been shown to be beneficial to people

# What makes sense for shopping areas and industry spaces like are the least greened in KC?

- Most of the spaces that could hold trees in these areas already do; however, they are still far from green from above
- What other options do they have?
  - They could remove some of their parking spaces for trees, but this would hurt their profits and is unlikely to work
  - They could add gardens on their roofs
  - They could add living walls

# Why should companies want more green spaces?

- Green spaces are aesthetically attractive, making people want to return to the location
- Can claim carbon offset because of the carbon consumed by the plants
- Can be at the forefront of global warming solutions
- An honest way to green their business model
- Fresher air, cleaner air making people want to return
- Green walls are insulating meaning that their energy bill is lower

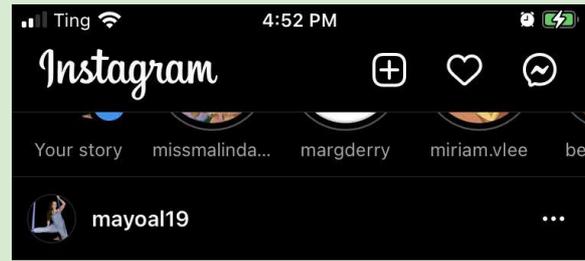
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