

1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-035		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.)	Street (name) Bounded by Beverly, Dunbar, & N. Kansas City Avenue
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/ 394004.57E/ 4355826.35N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): Sunnyside Spring; Park Spring		9. Present/other name (if known): Sunnyside Park	
10. Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public		11a. Historic use (if known): HEALTH CARE/resort facility	11b. Current use: RECREATION & CULTURE/outdoor recreation

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

12. Construction date: Ca. 1905-1914	15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1900s-1910s	16. Builder/contractor:	19. On National Register? <input type="checkbox"/> individual <input type="checkbox"/> district Cite nomination name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
14. Area(s) of significance: HEALTH/MEDICINE	17. Original or significant owner: Henry Ettenson	20. National Register eligible? <input type="checkbox"/> individually eligible <input type="checkbox"/> district potential ( <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> NC ) <input type="checkbox"/> not eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not determined
21. History and significance on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Sources of information on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

23. Category of property: <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	30. Roof material: N/A	37. Windows: <input type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement:
24. Vernacular or property type:	31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style:	32. Structural system: Concrete (marker)	39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): <input type="checkbox"/> Addition(s) Date(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date(s): Endangered by:
26. Plan shape: N/A	33. Exterior wall cladding: N/A	
27. No. of stories: N/A	34. Foundation material: concrete	
28. No. of bays (1 <sup>st</sup> floor): N/A	35. Basement type: N/A	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.): 3
29. Roof type: N/A	36. Front porch type/placement: N/A	41. Further description of building features and associated resources on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**OTHER**

42. Current owner/address: City of Excelsior Springs 201 E. Broadway Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-2564	43. Form prepared by (name and org.): Deon Wolfenbarger Three Gables Preservation 320 Pine Glade Road, Nederland, CO Deon@threegables.net	44. Survey date: 2012
		45. Date of revisions:

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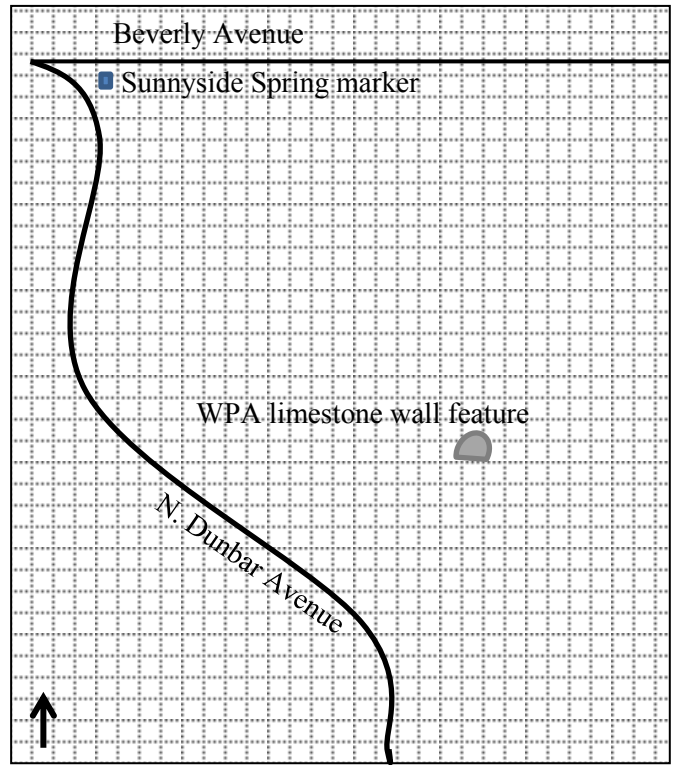
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National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district Name: <input type="checkbox"/> pending listing <input type="checkbox"/> eligible (individually) <input type="checkbox"/> eligible (district) <input type="checkbox"/> not eligible <input type="checkbox"/> not determined	Other:	



**LOCATION MAP (include north arrow)**



**SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)**



**PHOTOGRAPH**

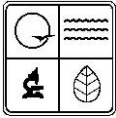
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Kerry Davis

Date:  
2/03/2012

Description:  
(left) Looking east at northwest corner of park at Sunnyside Spring monument; (right) looking west from mid-park across WPA-era features [not believed to be associated with the spring]







**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

21. (cont.) History and significance. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

There is little historic documentation on Sunnyside Spring (also known as Park Spring). According to *The Waters of Excelsior Springs*, its waters belonged to the *Calcium Bicarbonate (lithia)* group. Around the turn of the century, a large section of land in this area was owned by Henry Etteson. He platted a portion of this in 1904 as the "Sunnyside Addition," containing four blocks. In 1906, he platted additional land to the west, adding blocks 5 through 7; it was this latter addition that included the area which would become Sunnyside Park. This latter plat did not indicate a location for a spring; furthermore, the nomenclature "Sunnyside" was likely used after Ettenson surveyed the land for his Sunnyside Addition, possibly indicating that the Sunnyside Spring was discovered sometime after 1904-1906. By the time of the publication of the 1908 Blue Book, Sunnyside Spring was listed on N. Dunbar Avenue. However, the 1908-1909 City Directory does not list either the Sunnyside or Park Spring, although Sunnyside Park is listed as between Cliff Drive and Dunbar, north to Beverly. In John Gaines' *A Souvenir Guide-Book of Excelsior Springs, MO* published in 1912, Sunnyside (Park Spring) is listed as being north of Wyman High School on Dunbar Avenue.

Shortly after the platting of the Sunnyside addition, blocks 6 and 7 were considered for a city park. When landscape architect George Kessler prepared a plan for a proposed park system, these blocks were listed as "properties under contract." Although some records indicated that Sunnyside was the city's first park in 1909, at a July 1914 city council meeting, E. L. Morse reminded the City of promises made to develop a park at *the Sunnyside Spring site*, which was part of sixteen acres still owned by the Ettenson estate. In August 1914, the property was still under consideration for park development; its attractions included *a fine spring of mineral water*, location on a paved driveway with ornamental street lights, and many fine trees. Records indicate that condemnation proceedings did not begin until 1919, and the property was acquired after 1920. The city considered using Sunnyside Park as a tourist camping ground, but in 1923, decided to move it to Carnation Hill. Sunnyside was then developed as a neighborhood park. *The Waters of Excelsior Springs* indicates that the historic circular limestone wall was the spring site; however, this was constructed as a part of a WPA project in the 1930s. Although the site (and thus the spring) was owned by the city at this time, when the Hall of Waters began construction in 1935, the Sunnyside Spring was **not** one of the ten wells whose waters were piped into the building, possibly indicating that this spring was no longer in operation.



**Historic photograph of Sunnyside Spring**

22. (cont.) Sources of information. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

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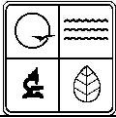
*The Waters of Excelsior Springs: Valley of Vitality*

Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives; "Sunnyside," folder V1.200.427

Missouri Architectural/Historic Inventory Form, "Excelsior Springs Park & Driveway System Survey", 1994

1908 Excelsior Springs, MO Blue Book

John Gaines, *A Souvenir Guide-Book of Excelsior Springs, MO* (1912) 24.



40. (cont.) Description of environment and outbuildings. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

The 3.78 acre park site slopes down from Dunbar on the west to the Fishing River valley and Cliff Drive on the east. There are two drainage swales lined with limestone set in concrete. A large playground area with equipment is at the north end of the park, and two open park shelter buildings are near the mid-section. A paved circular drive has entrances from Dunbar Avenue. There is a short limestone wall along the northeast boundary of the park. A small brick rectangular building, known as the Boy Scout building, is on the east edge and has a gravel entrance from N. Kansas City Avenue. Southwest of this building, near the center of the park, is a historic semi-circular limestone wall (built by the WPA), as well as a historic limestone barbecue grill. The parcel is in the Sunnyside addition, part of block 6 and all of block 7, and is currently addressed 000000 N Kansas City Ave. Clay County parcel ID: 12-311-00-14-001.00

41. (cont.) Further description of important architectural features. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

The marker for the Sunnyside well is located on the northwest corner of Sunnyside Park. A bronze plaque is set on a rectangular concrete pier, approximately 1-1.5' deep, 2.5-3' wide, and 2.5-3' tall. The plaque's wording:

SUNNYSIDE PARK WELL

DONATED BY

WASHINGTON EXTENSION CLUB

WASHINGTON 4-H CLUB

As the location of the well site was not determined, the property is not eligible solely for its association with Sunnyside Spring.

However, a re-evaluation of the entire park may reveal its eligibility as an example of the "Parks and Boulevards" property type under a proposed multiple property documentation form.