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PROGRAM DIRECTORY MANUAL

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FOREWORD

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Partnering together to promote the protection, enhancement, restoration or creation of wetlands and riparian areas in Kansas through a voluntary, educational approach.

Additionally, to facilitate the knowledge and understanding of the functions and values of these valuable areas. And, to inform and educate Kansans of the positive wetland and riparian activities taking place across the state.

The goal of the Alliance is ....

A public that is well informed and involved in activities that improve the benefits of wetlands and riparian areas in Kansas.

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OVERVIEW

The wetland and riparian areas in Kansas are important and valuable natural resources. These areas support a wide variety of important functions, such as providing erosion control, stream-bank stabilization, fish and wildlife habitat, timber production, and recreational opportunities. Public concern for maintaining these benefits has prompted government agencies and private nonprofit organizations to initiate programs directed at wetland and riparian area conservation. This manual provides a listing and description of such programs. Programs are included that directly or indirectly influence conservation of wetland and riparian areas.

Agencies and organizations listed in the February 1992 edition of the Wetland and Riparian Areas Program Directory Manual were sent a copy of their program listing and asked to update them. These programs are listed by agency or organization and divided among the following six descriptive categories:

1) Regulatory Programs - Programs that regulate activities that may impact wetlands and riparian areas.

2) Acquisition/Leasing - Programs that acquire or lease lands that may protect wetland and riparian areas.

3) Financial Assistance - Programs that provide financial assistance for activities intended to benefit wetland and riparian areas.

4) Technical Assistance - Programs that provide technical assistance to people involved in activities that benefit wetland and riparian areas.

5) Inventory/Monitoring - Programs that inventory and/or monitor wetland and riparian areas or the values they possess.

6) Information/Education - Programs that provide information intended to educate people interested in wetland and riparian areas.

7) Planning - Programs that incorporate concerns for wetland and riparian areas into planning processes.

8) Research - Programs that conduct research on the values and functions of wetlands and riparian areas.

These categories are not intended to be mutually exclusive and most programs fall into more than one category.

Brief descriptions are included under each program. Some of these programs will likely change over time, become obsolete, and new programs will be developed. Additional information on specific programs is available from the program contacts that are listed after each program. People interested in wetland and riparian areas conservation are encouraged to be creative in using these programs.
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KANSAS BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Program Title: AQUATIC ECOTOXICOLOGY

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring and Research.

Program Description: Research is conducted on environmental impacts of chemical contaminants on aquatic ecosystems and include nonpoint source pollution. Studies involve experiments and field assessments.

Program Contact: Director, Aquatic Ecotoxicology Program
Kansas Biological Survey
2041 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Kansas 66047-2906

Phone: 785-864-7726

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-338

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Program Title: NATURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring and Research.

Program Description: Data are gathered about significant, representative biological features of the State for the purpose of identifying Kansas Natural and Scientific Areas. Information is gathered about rare and endangered animals and plants and natural communities, which includes wetland and riparian areas.

Program Contact: Director, Kansas Natural Areas Program
Kansas Biological Survey
2041 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Kansas 66047-2906

Phone: 785-864-7725

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 74-6601 et seq., as amended
Program Title: WATER QUALITY AND FRESHWATER BIOLOGY

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring and Research.

Program Description: Information is gathered on aquatic flora and fauna, with emphasis on macroinvertebrates. Models are developed to evaluate the health of rivers, streams, and wetlands. Experimental studies explore human influences on the biological, chemical, and physical characteristics of aquatic ecosystems.

Program Contact: Director, Water Quality and Fresh Water Ecology Program
Kansas Biological Survey
2041 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Kansas 66047-2906

Phone: 785-864-7725

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-338
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

Program Title: ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND SURFACE PONDS PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: Kansas Statutes and Corporation Commission regulations require prior-use permits. Applications for surface pond construction are reviewed by technical and field staff so that protection of fresh and usable water is assured. Statutes further require that fluid spills, associated with oil and gas production, be immediately reported to the appropriate Kansas Corporation Commission district field office. All spills will be recovered and pits containing the spills shall be emptied within 48 hours of the discharge. The Commission has the responsibility to require operators to clean up soil and water resources polluted from oil and gas related activities. In certain cases, operators are required to develop cleanup/remediation plans that are reviewed by technical staff.

Program Contact: Kansas Corporation Commission
Conservation Division
130 S. Market, Room 2078
Wichita, Kansas 67202-3802

Phone: 316-337-6200

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 55-15 and 55-151

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Program Title: DRILLING AND PRODUCTION PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: Kansas statutes require operators to file a notice prior to spudding the well. This assures a technical review of the proposed well construction and location, to ensure that fresh and usable water and correlative rights are protected. Kansas Statutes and Corporation Commission regulations further require permitting of pits used in drilling operations prior to use.

Program Contact: Kansas Corporation Commission
Conservation Division
130 South Market, Room 2078
Wichita, Kansas 67202-3802

Phone: 316-337-6200

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 55-15, 55-151, and 55-152
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Program Title: COAL MINE RECLAMATION PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory and Technical Assistance.

Program Description: This section of Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regulates the active coal mining industry in Kansas and makes sure the operators comply with all regulations concerning nonpoint source pollution. Also, the Abandoned Mine Land Program helps clean up nonpoint source pollution from old mines. This section can offer technical assistance as it relates to coal mining and abandoned mine lands.

Program Contact: Surface Mining Section
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
4033 North Parkview Drive
Frontenac, Kansas 66763

Phone: 316-231-8540

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 49-401, et seq.

Program Title: ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

Type of Program: Regulatory, Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Inventory/Monitoring

Program Description: Kansas Department of Health and Environment is responsible for environmental emergencies and investigation and long-term cleanup of contaminated areas. It investigates suspected contamination sites to determine if contamination exists; evaluates the potential threat to public health and the environment from contaminated sites; and maintains the contaminated site list used to establish priorities for cleanup. Kansas Department of Health and Environment is the first responder to petroleum and chemical spills and responsible for coordination of cleanup at spill sites; provides oversight of cleanup by private parties at contaminated sites; administers the federal Superfund Program in Kansas; and administers the storage tank program for above and underground tanks.

Program Contact: Bureau of Environmental Remediation
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building, #740
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0001

Phone: 785-296-1660

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 65-161 and 65-164
Program Title: LIVESTOCK POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: KDHE administers the state and federal livestock waste pollution control program. KDHE provides guidance on livestock waste pollution control needs and practices to both individuals and groups to assist in planning and implementation of nonpoint source plans. The agency conducts individual site appraisals with facility operators.

Program Contact: Bureau of Water
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building, #283
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0001

Phone: 785-296-5670

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-325

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Program Title: LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM (LEPP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, and Planning.

Program Description: KDHE's Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) provides grants and technical assistance to counties for the institutionalization of local programs in the following areas: environmental (sanitary) codes, nonpoint source pollution, hazardous waste, solid waste, public water supply protection, and subdivision management. Each of these program areas is relevant to comprehensive nonpoint source management. Within KDHE, five different bureaus administer state programs. The LEPP coordinates with the appropriate bureau to provide technical assistance. It coordinates the review and approval of county environmental codes. Specific technical materials are being developed to assist in the development and implementation of environmental codes. The LEPP also conducts quarterly training workshops for local program staff.

Program Contact: Bureau of Water
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building, #283
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0001

Phone: 785-296-1683

Statutory Authority: KSA 65-161, 65-164.
Program Title: NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROGRAM

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance,
Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education and Planning.

Program Description: KDHE determines if local nonpoint source pollution management
plans are consistent with the Kansas Nonpoint Source Management Plan. The agency
provides assistance in: 1) identifying the water quality objectives of nonpoint
source management plans, 2) formulating plans, and 3) identifying effective
pollution control measures.

Program Contact: Bureau of Water
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building, #283
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0001

Phone: 785-296-5567


Program Title: SANITARY CODE

Type of Program: Regulatory

Program Description: KDHS reviews and approves environmental (sanitary) codes.
Codes are rules and regulations adopted by counties that provide a county the
authority to manage many sources of nonpoint pollution at the local level. The
agency has a model code describing the minimum requirements necessary to comply with
state requirements.

Program Contact: Northwest District Office
Bureau of District Operations
Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
2301 E. 13th St.
Hays, Kansas 67601

Phone: 785-625-5664

Statutory Authority: K.S.A 65-3401 et seq.
Program Title: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Type of Program: Regulatory, Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education

Program Description: Solid waste management includes collection, storage, processing, recovery, and disposal of solid wastes. The primary focus is on the design and operation of solid waste disposal facilities. These facilities include the following types of landfill: sanitary (municipal refuse), industrial and construction/demolition. The principal program emphasis is to protect and prevent contamination of surface and ground waters at these solid waste disposal facilities. A monitoring program, which requires sampling and analysis of surface water and ground water monitoring wells, is required at most solid waste disposal facilities.

Program Contact: Bureau of Waste Management
Kansas Dept. Of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building #740
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0001

Phone: 785-296-1601

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 65-3401 et seq.

Program Title: WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA
Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring and Research.

Program Description: This unit of KDHE administers several statewide programs that: 1) monitors surface and groundwater quality to assess nonpoint source pollution damage; 2) conducts intensive river basin surveys and site-specific water quality studies of surface waters suspected of being impacted by nonpoint source pollution; 3) investigates cases of nonpoint source pollution that may have caused tainted drinking water supplies, fish kills, and other water use impairments; and 4) performs computer modeling analyses of watershed nonpoint source pollutants loading to streams, lakes, and wetlands. Raw data, data summaries, and interpretive water quality reports are made available to federal, state, county and local pollution control authorities and water resource managers. The unit also assists local entities in designing and implementing Clean Lakes Program (Phase I) studies of lake water quality and nonpoint source pollution protection requirements. The unit provides the water quality information needed to adequately characterize and priorities the state's surface and groundwater quality protection needs, both with regard to point and nonpoint sources of pollution.

Program Contact: Office of Science and Support
Kansas Dept. Of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building #283
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0001

Phone: 785-296-5572

Statutory Authority: K.S.A 65-164 et seq.
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS

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Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
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OPERATIONS OFFICE
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

REGIONAL OFFICES See the map of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Regions on page 10.

REGION 1
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
P.O. Box 338, U.S. 183 Bypass
Hays, Kansas 67601

Phone: 785-628-8614

REGION 2
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
3300 SW 29th
Topeka, Kansas 66614

Phone: 785-273-6740

REGION 3
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
808 McArthur Road
Dodge City, Kansas 67801

Phone: 316-227-8609

REGION 4
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks
6232 East 28th Street N
Wichita, Kansas 67220

Phone: 316-683-8835

Program Title: CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing.

Program Description: Landowners can voluntarily enroll riparian and wetland areas into conservation easements through this program. Easement agreements would include management practices that would be recommended under the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program. Protection and restoration of riparian and wetland areas are important considerations of this program. Easements can be short-term arrangements or in perpetuity.

Program Contact: Engineering Department
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 58-3803 et seq.
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS
Regions

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Legend

County Boundary
River Basin Boundary
Region Boundary
Program Title: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SECTION

Type of Program: Regulatory, Technical Assistance and Planning

Program Description: Responsible for reviewing Kansas Department of Transportation projects, Natural Resources Conservation Service P.L. 566 projects, State Conservation Commission watershed reviews; preparing permits issued by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for projects potentially impacting threatened and endangered species; utility company inquiries, Kansas Department of Health and Environment solid and hazardous waste proposals; serving on various planning and policy interagency committees as assigned; reviewing 404 notices (Corps of Engineers), nation wide general permits (Corps of Engineers), hydropower proposals (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), Water Projects Environmental Coordination Act reviews (Division of Water Resources), National Pollution Distribution Elimination System permits and 401 certification proposals (Kansas Department of Health and Environment), and Environmental Protection Agency construction grant proposals. Environmental Services personnel investigate new methods of impact modeling, track threatened or endangered species distributions, review state and federal environmental legislation and provide input into the development of the State Water Plan.

Program Contact: Chief, Environmental Services Section
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-572-5911

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 32-107, 501-510
Program Title: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Financial Assistance, and Planning.

Program Description: Federal Land and Water Fund dollars, generated by a tax on off-continental shelf oil drilling, are used to finance land acquisition and recreation programs. The Land and Water Conservation Fund program was enacted to preserve, develop, and assure access to outdoor recreation resources for all citizens. This program provides matching grants through State and local units of government. The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 called for states to develop a wetland priority plan as part of the outdoor recreation plan. A Plan for Kansas Wildlife and Parks: Strategic Plan reflects both wetlands preservation and management priorities for the Department.

Program Contact: Parks Division
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911


Program Title: NONGAME WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT FUND (CHICKADEE CHECKOFF)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring and Information/Education.

Program Description: The Kansas Nongame Wildlife Improvement Fund was established from Chickadee Checkoff donations associated with state income-tax forms. The purpose of this program is to conduct investigation, improve habitats, and address public needs regarding nongame species. The major elements of this program include urban wildlife projects, research particularly regarding sensitive species; habitat improvement and acquisition, and emphasis is given to wetlands and public education. A new educational/habitat program is Outdoor Wildlife Learning Sites or OWLS that will emphasize wetland developments, where possible, in conjunction with school ground habitat development.

Program Contact: Nongame Program Coordinator
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Program Title: NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL CONSERVATION ACT / HABITAT ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing and Financial Assistance.

Program Description: The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) was established in 1986 by the governments of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, with the goal of restoring waterfowl breeding populations to the levels reached during the 1970s. Waterfowl habitat acquisition and enhancement are integral parts of the NAWMP. Federal funding is available through NAWMP to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to acquire wetlands for the Playa Lakes Joint Venture and wetlands listed as high priority in the Regional Wetlands Concept Plan.

Program Contact: Chief, Wildlife Management Section
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Statutory Authority: 16 U.S.C. 4601-4 through 4601-11

Program Title: POLLUTION AND FISH KILL INVESTIGATIONS

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring.

Program Description: When fish kills or other instances of pollution of water are reported, agency personnel conduct field investigations to determine the extent of the damage, potential cause(s), and any remedial action needed. These investigations are conducted in cooperation with the State Department of Health and Environment, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other pertinent state and federal agencies. Findings are used to provide evidence, in the event of regulatory or corrective actions against the polluters.

Program Contact: Chief, Environmental Services Section
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
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Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Program Title: STATE PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Information Education and Planning.

Program Description: The objectives of this program are to continue planning and developing the state park system. There is 50% cost-share money available for land acquisition and park development through the federal Land and Water Conservation Funds. State park development is tied to programs of other state or federal agencies. Concerns for wetland and riparian areas may be incorporated into the planning process.

Program Contact: Parks Division
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
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Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 74-7501 et seq., 75-4534

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Program Title: STATE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory, Inventory/Monitoring and Information/Education.

Program Description: The Kansas Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act places the responsibility for identifying and conserving threatened and endangered wildlife species upon the Department of Wildlife and Parks. A permit is required for any project, which is totally or partly funded with public monies, and may impact threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats. Application must be made at least 90 days prior to the start of a construction project.

Program Contact: Environmental Services Section
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Program Title: WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (WHIP)
Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance.

Program Description: Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will participate in the Riparian and Wetland Protection Program (State Conservation Commission) via the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP). WHIP is a program that addresses the basic long-standing wildlife problem - habitat loss. All Kansas landowners are eligible to participate in WHIP. This program is designed to improve or develop wildlife habitat on private lands with little or no sacrifice of agricultural production. Approximately $70,000 is available annually (subject to annual budget revisions) for grass seed, forb seed, trees, and shrubs. Field staff provide technical assistance, planning assistance, and often labor and equipment. Landowners receiving WHIP assistance are under no obligation to provide public access. The program's design would be especially useful in providing technical expertise to landowners for sound management of riparian and wetland areas.

Program Contact: Chief, Wildlife Management Section
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 75-3901 et seq.

Program Title: WILDTRUST PROGRAM
Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing and Financial Assistance.

Program Description: Wildtrust is a trust fund that provides the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks with a flexible-funding source. Wildtrust accepts private, organizational and corporate donations of money, property and real estate. Wildtrust monies are used to finance numerous agency programs and projects. Estate Memorials are also an integral part of the Wildtrust program. Wetland and Riparian areas can be donated.

Program Contact: Wildtrust Administrator
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 S.E. 25th Avenue
Pratt, Kansas 67124-8174

Phone: 316-672-5911

Program Title: GEOHYDROLOGY SECTION

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education, and Research.

Program Description: The primary mission of the Geohydrology Section of the Kansas Geological Survey is to promote a better understanding of the geology of Kansas with respect to water-related issues, and in particular to 1) carry out research designed to further the scientific understanding of the hydrology and water resources of Kansas with particular reference to those aspects influenced by the geology of the state and its constituent subregions; and 2) disseminate research results and other hydrologic-related information to the people of the state in order to further the understanding, protection, and effective management of its water resources.

Program Contact: Geohydrology Section Chief
Kansas Geological Survey
The University of Kansas
1930 Constant Ave., Campus West
Lawrence, Kansas 66047-3726

Phone: 785-864-3965

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-322
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FIELD OFFICES

#1 Topeka Field Office
Division of Water Resources
Department of Agriculture
1643 SW 41st Street
Topeka, Kansas 66609

Phone: 785-267-6200
FAX: 785-267-7566

#2 Stafford Field Office
Division of Water Resources
Department of Agriculture
105 N. Main Street, Drawer P
Stafford, Kansas 67578

Phone: 316-234-5311
FAX: 316-234-6900

#3 Stockton Field Office
Division of Water Resources
Department of Agriculture
820 South Walnut
Stockton, Kansas 67669

Phone: 785-425-6787
FAX: 785-425-6842

#4 Garden City Field Office
Division of Water Resources
Department of Agriculture
2508 Johns Street
Garden City, Kansas 67846

Phone: 316-276-2901
FAX: 316-276-9315

Program Title: FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT AND LEVEES

Type of Program: Regulatory and Information/Education

Program Description: The Division of Water Resources must approve placement of fill and construction of levees within the 100-year floodplain. In addition, the Division must review and approve all local floodplain zoning ordinances. Regulatory decisions affecting floodplain zoning and management of levees may consider the effect on floodplain wetland and riparian areas.

Program Contact: Water Structures Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-2933

Program Title: INTENSIVE GROUNDWATER USE AND CONTROL AREAS (IGUCA)

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas may be established by the Division of Water Resources to conserve limited groundwater supplies. In many areas within Kansas, surface and groundwater sources are hydrologically connected and the management of groundwater supplies may have an impact on wetland and riparian areas on the surface. The Division can establish a hearing process for designation of an IGUCA, and various corrective control measures for an IGUCA.

Program Contact: Water Management Services Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-1036 through 1038, and 82a-1020 et seq.

Program Title: INTERSTATE RIVER COMPACTS

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: Kansas is a signatory state in four interstate river compacts: Republican River Compact (Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska); Arkansas River Compact (Kansas and Colorado); Arkansas River Basin Compact (Kansas and Oklahoma); and Big Blue River Compact (Kansas and Nebraska). The Chief Engineer serves as a representative (or commissioner) for Kansas for each of these compacts. All of the compacts deal with interstate issues involving the named streams. The Big Blue River Compact, in particular, provides for a schedule of state line flows on the Big and Little Blue Rivers for the months of May through September.

Program Contact: Water Management Services Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-518, 82a-520, 82a-528, and 82a-529.
Program Title: MINIMUM DESIRABLE STREAMFLOWS

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: Whenever minimum desirable streamflows (MDS) are established by legislation, the Chief Engineer is required to withhold from appropriation the amount of water necessary to establish and maintain such MDS (See map on page 29). The effective priority date for the MDS on these streams is April 12, 1984. All appropriations rights or permits filed subsequent to April 12, 1984 are subject to MDS requirements and may be regulated under circumstances when MDS are not met.

Program Contact: Water Management Services Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas  66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-703 et seq.

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Program Title: SAFETY OF DAMS

Type of Program: Regulatory and Information/Education

Program Description: Provides for a permit for dams storing greater than 30 acre-feet of water. Permits are required prior to construction. Inspections during construction and on-going safety inspections by Department or Water Resources personnel are required for dams that present a danger to the public.

Program Contact: Water Structures Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas  66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-2933

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-301 et seq. and 82a-325 through 327.
Program Title: STREAM OBSTRUCTION AND CHANNEL CHANGES

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: The Obstructions in Streams Act requires a permit when a stream is obstructed, realigned, or has the cross-section altered. Permits are required for permanent structures that have drainage areas greater than 160 acres. Enforcement is limited to public interest.

Program Contact: Water Structures Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-2933

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-301 et seq. and 82a-325 through 327.

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Program Title: SUBBASIN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory, Information, Education and Planning.

Program Description: This program utilizes a hydrologic basin approach to deal with groundwater declines, stream flow depletions and water quality concerns. It is designed to develop comprehensive, long term water management strategies to implement solutions to water problems within the framework of existing state law on a proactive basis.

Program Contact: Water Management Services Program Manager or Basin Team Leader
Division of Water Resources
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Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-701 et seq.
Program Title: WATER ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory and Planning

Program Description: The Water Assurance Program Act provides a mechanism to assure municipal and industrial water supplies for users who benefit from water releases from "assurance reservoir". The Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources, before a water assurance district is organized, and upon request of the Kansas Water Office, shall determine the eligible water rights of the proposed district. The Division of Water Resources is also responsible for protecting water releases from unauthorized diversion. Some instream benefits are realized from water releases between the point of release and the authorized points of diversion.

Program Contact: Water Management Services Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-1330 et seq.

Program Title: WATER APPROPRIATION ACT

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: The Water Appropriation Section of the Division of Water Resources is responsible for processing applications for new water appropriation permits, and approval to change the following under existing water rights: diversion points, the place of use, the use of water, or any combination thereof. Responsibilities also include processing temporary and short-term applications for water use. The Water Appropriation Section coordinates its actions with field-office personnel and the groundwater-management districts.

Program Contact: Water Appropriation Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283

Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-701 et seq.
Program Title: WATERSHED DISTRICTS

Type of Program: Regulatory and Planning

Program Description: The Kansas Watershed District Act requires approval by the Division of Water Resources of certain activities of the watershed districts. Such activities include: assistance with preparation of petition for legal description of the watershed district; approval of petitions, projects, and general plans (preliminary engineering plans for the district); and dissolution, annexation, or transfer of lands from/to watershed districts. The approval of general plans is subject to the Water Projects Environmental Coordination Act.

Program Contact: Chief Engineer or Water Structures Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283
Phone: 785-296-2933

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 24-1201 et seq. and 24-1213.

Program Title: WATER USE REPORT PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory, Inventory/Monitoring, and Information/Education.

Program Description: Owners of water rights, except for domestic water right users, are required to file an annual water use report with the Division of Water Resources. Any person failing to submit a water-use report is subject to civil penalty not to exceed $250.00. Persons who knowingly file a document containing false information shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Division of Water Resources inventories and monitors water use reports. The Division works with the Kansas Water Office and the U.S. Geological Survey to produce publications on water use.

Program Contact: Compliance, Enforcement, and Water Use Unit
Division of Water Resources
901 South Kansas Avenue, Second Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1283
Phone: 785-296-3717

Statutory Authority: The Water Authority Act, K.S.A. 82-732
Program Title: K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

Type of Program: Information/Education.

Program Description: K-State Research and Extension at Kansas State University have no specific program that deals with wetland and riparian areas. However, some information and education assistance can be provided dealing with wildlife, range, or pasture management. Sound management of these resources will often promote wise stewardship of wetland and riparian areas.

Program Contact: Extension Specialist and Coordinator
Cooperative Extension Service
Extension Agronomy
Throckmorton Hall
Manhattan, Kansas 66506

Phone: 785-532-5776

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.
KANSAS FOREST SERVICE

Program Title: FORESTRY EDUCATION

Type of Program: Information/Education.

Program Description: This program is directed toward educating landowners, governmental officials and the public about the benefits of managing riparian areas. Information is provided on proper management, protection, restoration, and conservation of riparian forests. Educational efforts include publications, news releases, slide presentations, radio talks, field demonstrations, workshops and other public education techniques.

Program Contact: See Kansas Forest Service map on page 28.

Northwest District
District Forester
Kansas Forest Service
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1232 240th Avenue
Hays, Kansas 67601-9228

Phone: 785-623-4369

North Central District
District Forester
Kansas Forest Service
1125 Westport Drive
Manhattan, Kansas 66502-2860

Phone: 785-776-5182

Northeast District #1
District Forester
Kansas Forest Service
318 Broadway
Valley Falls, Kansas 66086-1302

Phone: 785-945-6292

Northeast District #2
District Forester
Kansas Forest Service
444 S.R. Quincy, Suite 190
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3569

Phone: 785-295-2530

State Office
Kansas Forest Service
2610 Claflin Road
Manhattan, Kansas 66502-2798

Phone: 785-532-3300

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-425a et seq. and 2-1915, as amended.

KANSAS FOREST SERVICE MAP
Program Title: FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (FSP)

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: The Forest Stewardship Program provides technical assistance to landowners to encourage proper management of their forest and related resources. The program focuses on proper management of riparian forests to ensure water quality, reduce erosion, and provide other benefits that riparian forests can provide. Plans are developed by District Foresters with assistance from appropriate federal and state agencies. These plans must be followed for landowners to qualify for financial assistance under the Stewardship Incentive Program. Landowners must include all their forest lands in the plan.

Program Contact: District Foresters, Addresses and Phone Numbers Above.

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-425a et seq. and 2-1915, as amended.

Program Title: KANSAS CONSERVATION TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: Low-cost tree and shrub seedlings are offered for use in establishing riparian filter strips, woodlots, erosion control plantings, wildlife habitat plantings, windbreaks, and other conservation tree plantings. The program is available state wide. District Foresters are available to prepare management plans. Educational assistance may include publications, news releases, field demonstrations, and presentations at public meetings.

Program Contact: District Foresters, Addresses and Phone Numbers Above.

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-425a et seq. and 2-1915, as amended.
Program Title:  STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SIP)

Type of Program:  Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance.

Program Description: The Stewardship Incentive Program provides financial assistance to landowners with an approved Forest Stewardship Plan. The cost-share rate is 70% and the area to which practices are applied must be at least one acre in size. Riparian and wetland protection and improvement (SIP-6) is among the practice categories available. Specific practices that are approved for cost-share include: tree planting and maintenance, fencing, timber-stand enhancement, streambank stabilization, and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. District Foresters are available to develop the Forest Stewardship Plan and approve the cost-share practices. Cooperating state and federal agencies may be involved in plan development.

Program Contact: District Foresters, Addresses and Phone Numbers Above.

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 76-425a et seq. and 2-1915, as amended.
KANSAS WATER OFFICE

Program Title: POOL LEVEL MANAGEMENT

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring and Planning.

Program Description: Coordinates the manipulation of lake levels in federal reservoirs to facilitate fishery and waterfowl benefits through habitat access, food production, and population control. Possible coordination of high flow releases during spawning season (April-June) and retention of high water to attract migratory waterfowl. Program evaluates the impacts of pool-level manipulation. This program is an ongoing activity of the Kansas Water Office. See Pool Level Management Reservoirs map on page 32.

Program Contact: Water Resource Manager - Policy & Technical Support
Kansas Water Office
109 SW 9th Street, Suite 300
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1249
Phone: 785-296-3185

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 82a-901 et seq.

Program Title: MINIMUM DESIRABLE STREAMFLOW PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory and Inventory/Monitoring.

Program Description: Establishes desired instream flows at 33 gaging stations on 23 streams in eastern and central Kansas. Intended to prevent over depletion of streamflows, thereby protecting fish, wildlife, water quality, and aesthetic resources. Flows are treated as a junior water right of priority date April 12, 1984. The program has shifted from establishment of flows to monitoring and evaluation. This program is an ongoing activity of the Kansas Water Office. See Minimum Desirable Streamflow map on page 33.

Program Contact: Water Resource Manager - Policy & Technical Support
Kansas Water Office
109 SW 9th Street, Suite 300
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1249
Phone: 785-296-4094

Statutory Authority: K.S.A 82a-703a
Program Title: STATE WATER RESOURCE PLANNING PROCESS

Type of Program: Planning.

Program Description: The water resource planning process involves numerous agencies, organizations, and the public in the development and implementation of the Kansas Water Plan. The plan consists of various policy recommendations related to water resources management, including wetland and riparian areas, and contains guidelines to agencies regarding implementation of state water resource programs in the state's 12 major river basins. This program is an ongoing activity of the Kansas Water Office. See Kansas Water Office River Basin map on page 35.

Program Contact: Assistant Director
Kansas Water Office
109 SW 9th Street, Suite 300
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1243

Phone: 785-296-3185

Statutory Authority: State Water Resource Planning Act, K.S.A. 82a-901 et seq.
KANSAS WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Program Title: WATER RESEARCH PROGRAM

Type of Program: Information/Education and Research.

Program Description: The Kansas Water Resources Research Institute at Kansas State University and the University of Kansas conducts basic and applied research on water resources in Kansas. Programs are organized to develop new methods, improve operational strategies, and advance phases of research that support regional, state, and national interests. Research have been funded in the broad areas of agriculture, soils, engineering, chemistry, economics, geology, biology, geography, climatology, hydrology, and law.

Program Contact: Kansas Water Resources Research Institute
Kansas State University
144 Waters Hall
Manhattan, Kansas 66506

Phone: 785-532-5729

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Program Title: Land Reclamation Program

Type of Program: Regulatory, Technical/Assistance, Planning.

Program Description: The Land Reclamation Act requires that mining operations such as sand, gravel, limestone, and clay be licensed and complete reclamation activities on the sites prior to site closure. Fees are collected and allow the Commission to provide planning and technical assistance to mine operators.

Program Contact: Land Reclamation Specialist
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 49-601

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Program Title: Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPSPCP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, and Information/Education.

Program Description: The Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program provides guidance to conservation districts and other local entities in the development of local non-point source pollution management plans. These plans are designed to protect and/or restore surface and/or groundwater quality. Financial assistance is available for the implementation of projects contained in the management plans.

Program Contact: Program Specialist
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 75-5657, 82a-903, and 82a-951.
**Program Title:** RIPARIAN AND WETLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM (RWPP)

**Type of Program:** Financial, Technical Assistance Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education and Planning.

**Program Description:** The Riparian and Wetland Protection Program is a local program developed by conservation districts with assistance from local, state and federal entities, designed to protect and restore riparian and wetland areas through comprehensive conservation plans. Financial and technical assistance is available for wetland restoration, soil bioengineering, riparian area protection and similar projects.

**Program Contact:** Resource Administrator
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

**Statutory Authority:** K.S.A. 2-1915

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**Program Title:** STREAM REHABILITATION PROGRAM (SRP)

**Type of Program:** Financial Assistance.

**Program Description:** The Stream Rehabilitation Program provides cost-share assistance to a local entity for rehabilitating streams that were impaired by improper channel modifications. The program is currently inactive.

**Program Contact:** Resource Administrator
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

**Statutory Authority:** K.S.A. 2-1904 and 2-1915
Program Title: WATER RESOURCES COST-SHARE PROGRAM (WRCSP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: The Water Resources Cost-Share Program provides cost-sharing assistance to Kansas landowners for the construction or installation of enduring conservation practices. Practices include tree planting, critical area planting and fencing, and construction of terraces, waterways, and diversions. Each conservation district receives an annual county allocation, establishes local program policy, determines eligible practices, and maximum cost-share levels. Technical assistance is provided by the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Program Contact: Resource Administrator
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 2-1915

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Program Title: WATER RIGHTS PURCHASE PROGRAM

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing and Financial Assistance.

Program Description: The Water Rights Purchase Program provides the mechanism for the state to cost-share with a local entity to purchase a water right to restore base flows, reverse the declines of groundwater aquifers and restore and protect aquatic and other wildlife habitat. The water right, upon purchase by the state and local entity, will return to the custodial care of the state and will not be available for appropriation to future water right applicants.

Program Contact: Resource Administrator
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

Program Title: WATERSHED DAM CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (WDCP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: The Watershed Dam Construction Program provides cost-sharing assistance to watershed districts, drainage districts, or other special-purpose districts for the construction of detention dams or grade stabilization structures. Program objectives include stream stabilization, soil erosion reduction, downstream flood and water quality protection and upland wildlife habitat improvement.

Program Contact: Resource Administrator
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 2-1915

Program Title: WATERSHED PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WPAP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance and Planning.

Program Description: The Watershed Planning Assistance Program provides financial assistance for obtaining engineering services and environmental assessments needed for development of P.L. 566 Watershed Plans. In addition, WPAP funds have been appropriated for development of stream rehabilitation plans.

Program Contact: Resource Administrator
State Conservation Commission
109 SW 9th, Suite 500
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1299

Phone: 785-296-3600

Statutory Authority: K.S.A. 2-1904
FEDERAL AGENCIES
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

See District Director Areas map on page 44.

Program Title:  CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

Type of Program:  Financial Assistance.

Program Description:  A program designed to remove cropland from production for a 10 year period. Program eligibility is based on ownership, cropping history, and erosion potential as well as wetland, environmental, and wildlife concerns. Participants offer an amount per acre, per year they will accept over a 10 year period. If a bid is successful, a contract is entered into with the USDA. This contract requires permanent cover to be established and maintained on the land.

Program Contact:  Conservation and Emergency Programs Division
c/o Kansas State PSA Office
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, Kansas  66503

Phone:  785-539-3534


Program Title:  ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

Type of Program:  Financial Assistance (Through the Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Program Description:  A program that provides cost share and incentive payments to farm owners and operators to install and adopt traditional conservation practices as well as initiating management practices that will enhance farming techniques while benefiting the environment. The program is administered by NRCS. FSA provides assistance in maintaining financial records, making cost share and incentive payments, accepting and approving application from applicants. This program is similar to the former Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) with enhancements added to provide management as well as mechanical measures to better the environment and conservation.

Program Contact:  Conservation and Emergency Programs Division
c/o Kansas State PSA Office
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, Kansas  66503

Phone:  785-539-3534

Program Title: LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM (LFP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: A program to provide emergency feed assistance for the preservation and maintenance of eligible livestock owners in any area of the U.S. where it is determined by Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) that an emergency exists because of natural disaster. As a result of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (PAIRA) of 1996 LFP was suspended by Congress. It can only be reimplemented by an act of Congress.

Program Contact: Conservation and Emergency Programs Division
c/o Kansas State FSA Office
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, Kansas 66503

Phone: 785-539-3534

Statutory Authority: Not applicable

Program Title: STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SIP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance (Through the Kansas Forest Service)

Program Description: This program provides cost share funds to farm owners to manage, enhance and/or establish trees, riparian areas, windbreaks, etc. This program benefits those with existing windbreaks that need renovation, those with areas in need of riparian control measures, and those wanting to establish, for the first time, tree plantings. FSA works as administrative assistants to the Kansas Forest Service who has first line administrative control of this program. FSA accepts applications from producers, processes applications and provides financial record keeping and payment for SIP activity.

Program Contact: Conservation and Emergency Programs Division
c/o Kansas State FSA Office
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, Kansas 66503

Phone: 785-539-3534

Statutory Authority: The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 authorizes FS and State Foresters to implement SIP.
Program Title: WATER QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: A voluntary program in which the Secretary of the USDA Department of Agriculture enters into agreements with eligible participants to implement water-quality plans developed by NRCS. These plans will focus on agricultural and water-quality incentive practices that promote efficient use of agricultural chemicals, animal waste and best management practices for more environmentally friendly farming.

Program Contact: Conservation and Emergency Programs Division
c/o Kansas State FSA Office
3600 Anderson Ave.
Manhattan, Kansas 66503

Phone: 785-539-3534

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.
RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Program Title: RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: The USDA Rural Development make Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) loans to public agencies and nonprofit corporations in areas that have been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as RC&D project areas. These loans require a RC&D project plan that is developed with guidance by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and accepted by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Program Contact: See Rural Development Area Offices below and map on page 48.

Statutory Authority: Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, 7 USC 1921 et seq.

Area Office
Rural Development
Federal Building, Room 119
401 Houston Street
Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Phone: 785-776-0805

Area Office
Rural Development
2715 Canterbury Drive
Suite 103
Hays, Kansas 67601
Phone: 785-628-3629

Local Office with Area Office Specialist
Rural Development
Attn: Phil Mathews, RDS
1480 Highway 56, Suite 103
Lyons, Kansas 67554
Phone: 316-257-5149

Area Office
Rural Development
P.O. Box 408
202 West Miller Road
Iola, Kansas 66749
Phone: 316-365-2901

Area Office
Rural Development
3010 Four Wheel Drive, Unit D
Lawrence, Kansas 66046
Phone: 785-841-2542
Program Title: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING GRANTS

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: Grants are available to private nonprofit organizations for technical assistance and training. The objective of this program is to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems in rural areas that relate to source, storage, treatment, distribution, or disposal.

Program Contact: Director, Community and Business Programs
USDA Rural Development
P.O. Box 4653
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Phone: 785-271-2730
FAX: 785-271-2708

Statutory Authority: Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, 7 USC 1921 et seq.
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

See Civil Works Boundary map on page 52.

Program Title: REGULATORY PERMIT PROGRAM FOR SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: A permit is required to discharge dredged or fill material into water of the United States, including wetlands. Activities in wetlands that may require permits include but are not limited to: (1) placement of fill material, (2) ditching activities when the excavated material is side cast, (3) land leveling, (4) most road construction, (5) dam construction. The final determination of whether an activity requires a permit is made by Corps of Engineers. Within the State of Kansas, the Kansas City District Corps of Engineers has entire responsibility of the regulatory permit program except the Tulsa District lakes.

Program Contact:

See Regulatory Field Offices map on page 53.

#1
Kanopolis Regulatory Office
107 Riverside Drive
Marquette, Kansas 67464

Phone: 785-546-2130
FAX: 785-546-2050

#2
Pomona Regulatory Office
5260 Pomona Dam Road
Vassar, Kansas 66543

Phone: 785-453-2204
FAX: 785-453-2475

#3
Napoleon Resident Office
P.O. Box 303
Napoleon, Missouri 64074

Phone: 816-934-8611
FAX: 816-934-8293

Statutory Authority: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 2344)
Program Title: EMERGENCY STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION WORKS FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Planning.

Program Description: Provides for the design and construction of emergency streambank and shoreline protection repair, restoration, or modification. The objective of the program is to prevent damages to highways, bridge approaches, other public works, churches, hospitals, schools, and other nonprofit services. No more than $1,000,000 is to be allocated for this purpose at any single locality, in any fiscal year. Assessment of impacts on wetlands is coordinated with State and Federal Agencies.

Program Contact: Chief, Planning & Hydrologic Engineering Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 700 Federal Building 601 East 12th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

Phone: 816-983-3582
FAX: 816-426-2142

Statutory Authority: Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act, as amended.

Program Title: EXISTING WETLAND INVENTORY

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring.

Program Description: The Army Corps of Engineers maintains an inventory of all wetlands on their lands. Wetlands are categorized by location, type, and size. All land-use activities are reviewed for possible wetland involvement.

Program Contact: Chief, Resource Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 61 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061

Phone: 918-581-7355

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.
Program Title: FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION: RESTORATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Planning.

Program Description: Fish and wildlife restoration activities may be recommended if: (1) a civil works project has contributed to the degradation (at least part of the degradation was caused by a Corps of Engineers project), or (2) cost-effective restoration can be accomplished through modification of an existing Civil Works project (modification of an existing Corps project is an essential element of the restoration). Restoration generally requires 25% local cost sharing for implementation and non-federal funding of operation and maintenance of the completed restoration.

Program Contact: Chief, Planning & Hydrologic Engineering Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 700 Federal Building 601 East 12th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896 Phone: 816-263-3582 FAX: 816-426-2142

Chief, Planning Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 61 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061 Phone: 918-581-7314


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Program Title: INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Type of Program: Information/Education.

Program Description: Interpretive programs are provided by district office and field personnel for schools, scouts, clubs, etc. A video library is kept in the District Office for interpretive programs.

Program Contact: Chief, Resource Section U.S. Army Corps of Engineers F.O. Box 61 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061 Phone: 918-581-7355

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.
Program Title: NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Type of Program: Regulatory, Information/Education, and Planning.

Program Description: Coordinates, directs, and assists the District’s lake projects in implementing land management and recreation programs. Prepares recreation master plans and coordinates use of special recreation user fees to enhance recreation facilities and to correct sanitary deficiencies in recreation areas. Coordinates the District’s public information and water safety programs. Administers the user fee visitor assistance and public volunteer programs. Provides expertise and guidance to lake projects in the fields of historic preservation, forestry, agronomy, fish and wildlife management, and compliance with laws and regulations dealing with preservation, environmental protection, hazardous waste and materials management, and pollution abatement.

Program Contact: Chief, Natural Resources Section (CO-TR)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
700 Federal Building
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

Phone: 816-983-3971
FAX: 816-426-5504

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.

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Program Title: PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Planning.

Program Description: The Army Corps of Engineers cooperates with states that are preparing comprehensive plans for water-resources development, utilization, and conservation. Cost-share funds are available at 30% in FY92 and 50% in subsequent years.

Program Contact:
Chief, Planning & Hydrologic Engineering Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
700 Federal Building
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

Planning Assist. to States Coordinator
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 61
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061

Phone: 918-581-7872

Phone: 816-983-2582
FAX: 816-426-2142

Program Title: PROJECT MODIFICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Planning.

Program Description: This Act directs the Secretary of the Army to investigate and study the feasibility of using the Corps of Engineers to conserve fish and wildlife. May involve modifications of Corps of Engineers' projects for environmental improvements. The Secretary can authorize a cost-shared (75-25%) demonstration program. Coordination is required with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Program Contact:
Chief, Planning & Hydrologic Engineering Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
700 Federal Building
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

Chief, Planning Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 61
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061

Phone: 918-581-5324
Fax: 918-581-7314


Program Title: SMALL CLEARING AND SNAGGING PROJECTS FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Planning.

Program Description: This program provides assistance for removal of accumulated snags and others debris, or channel clearing and straightening in navigable streams and tributaries. Each project must constitute a complete solution to the problem involved. Benefits could include flood-damage prevention, navigation, recreation, or environmental enhancement. The program has a limit of $500,000 per project.

Program Contact:
Chief, Planning & Hydrologic Engineering Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
700 Federal Building
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

Chief, Continuing Authorities Coordinator
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 61
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061

Phone: 918-581-7872
Fax: 918-581-7314

Statutory Authority: Section 208 of the Flood Control Act of 1937, P.L. 75-406, as amended
Program Title: WILDLIFE LICENSE TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Type of Program: Leasing.

Program Description: Federal lands adjacent to Corps of Engineers reservoirs are available to Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks under a real estate license for wildlife management purposes. This license grants KDWP the opportunity to construct, manage, and maintain important wetland habitat at federal flood-control projects within the Civil-Works boundary of the Tulsa District.

Program Contact: Real Estate Division, Management and Disposal Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 61
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061

Phone: 918-581-7314

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.
Program Title: WETLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Type of Program: Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance.

Program Description: The goal of this project is to develop plans for restoring, protecting, and enhancing wetland and riparian areas on reclamation projects. Cooperative arrangements are developed with federal, state, local, and conservation organizations to enhance and preserve wetlands.

Program Contact: Project Manager
Bureau of Reclamation - Land Use Branch
P.O. Box 1607
Grand Island, Nebraska 68802
Phone: 308-389-4622 ext. 207

Statutory Authority:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Program Title: CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education, and Planning.

Program Description: Provides for technical assistance for conservation and the development of conservation plans primarily on cropland identified as Highly Erodible Lands (HEL) as well as Non-Highly Erodible Lands (NHHEL). Conservation Plans will include standards and guidelines from the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) that permit a person to use a conservation system that is technically and economically feasible, based on local conditions, that are cost effective and do not cause undue economic hardship.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: 1985 Food Security Act (FSA), 1990 Food Agriculture Conservation & Trade Act (FACTA), & 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement & Reform Act (FAIRA)

Program Title: CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning.

Program Description: Conservation Operations is the main program used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical assistance on private lands for developing and applying Resource Management System plans. These plans offer land users alternatives that can enhance riparian and wetland areas as well as other land uses. This program provides technical assistance to assist land users in meeting conservation compliance and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 FSA and 1990 FACTA.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Program Title: CONSERVATION FARM OPTION (CFO)

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: For producers of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, and rice who are eligible for Agriculture Market Transition Contracts. Under this pilot program, landusers may consolidate their CRP, WRP, and EQIP payments into one annual payment. The participants enter into a 10-year contract and agree to adopt a conservation farm plan.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: 1996 FAIRA

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Program Title: CONSERVATION OF PRIVATE GRAZING LAND

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning.

Program Description: Offers landusers technical, educational and related assistance on the nation’s 642 million acres of private grazing lands. Provides timely and quality assistance to private grazing land owners and managers. The program will address resource concerns and provide direction for sound technical assistance to grazing lands resource owners and managers upon request. One purpose of the initiative is to assist landowners or managers, on a voluntary basis, to correct resource degradation for any or all of the resources associated with grazing lands.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: 1990 FACTA, 1996 FAIRA
Program Title: EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: Designed to reduce threats to life and property in the wake of natural disasters. It provides technical and cost-sharing assistance. Assistance includes both removing and establishing vegetative cover; gully control, installing streambank protection devices; removing debris and sediment; and stabilizing levees, channels, and gullies. In subsequent storms, EWP projects protect homes, businesses, highways, and public facilities from further damage. The Secretary of Agriculture may purchase floodplain easements under EWP.

Program Contact: State Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
760 S. Broadway  
Salina, Kansas 67401  

Phone: 785-823-4565  
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: Sec. 216, Public Law 91-516 & Sec. 403 of Title IV of the Agriculture Credit Act of 1978, Public Law 95-334, Codified rules are set forth in 7 CFR 624.

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Program Title: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: EQIP works primarily in locally identified conservation priority areas where there are significant problems with natural resources. High priority is given to areas where state and local governments offer financial, technical, or educational assistance, and to areas where agricultural improvements will help meet water quality objectives. Activities must be carried out according to a conservation plan, 5 to 10 year contracts.

Program Contact: State Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
760 S. Broadway  
Salina, Kansas 67401  

Phone: 785-823-4565  
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: 1996 PAIRA
Program Title: FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM (FPP)

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance and Information/Education.

Program Description: Provides funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in use. Working through existing programs, USDA joins with state, tribal, or local governments to acquire conservation easements or other interests from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the costs of purchasing the easements. To qualify, farmland must: be part of a pending offer from a state, tribe, or local farmland protection program; be privately owned; have a conservation plan; be large enough to sustain agricultural production; be accessible to markets for what the land produces; have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services; and have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: 1996 FAIRA

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Program Title: FARMLAND PROTECTION POLICY ACT (Prime Farmland Consideration)

Type of Program: Technical Assistance and Information/Education

Program Description: Federal agencies are to use criteria established by the Secretary of Agriculture to identify and take into account the adverse effects of their programs on the preservation of farmland; consider alternative actions, as appropriate, that could lessen adverse effects; and to ensure that their programs, to the extent practicable, are compatible with state and units of local government and private programs and policies to protect farmland.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: 1985 FSA
Program Title: FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (FIP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: FIP supports good forestry management practices on privately owned, nonindustrial forest lands nationwide. FIP is designed to benefit the environment while meeting future demands for wood products. Eligible practices are tree planting, timber stand improvement, site preparation for natural regeneration, and other related activities. FIP is available in counties designated by a Forest Service survey of eligible private timber acreage.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540


Program Title: INVENTORY AND MONITORING

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring and Information/Education

Program Description: This program provides information on the soil, water, and related resources of Kansas and the nation. A National Resources Inventory is conducted every 5 years. The program is designed to show trends in resource conditions. Information about all land uses including riparian and wetland resources of Kansas may be available with county-level accuracy from inventory reports.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: P.L. 74-46, as amended.
Program Title: PLANT MATERIALS PROGRAM

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Research

Program Description: NRCS provides assistance in developing plant materials, and techniques for their use, in conservation and environmental improvement programs. The Plant Materials Center, located at Manhattan, Kansas, assembles, evaluates, selects, releases, and distributes new and improved plant materials for all land uses. Wetland and riparian area enhancement could be aided through the use of materials and techniques developed through this program.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
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Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: P.L. 74-56, as amended.

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Program Title: RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RC&D)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: Conservation and development of economic, environmental, and social resources of rural communities are the primary thrust of RC&D. This program can assist with information and education activities where riparian and wetland area conservation and enhancement would expand rural income opportunities, recreational use benefits, and environmental enhancement.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Program Title: SOIL SURVEYS

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring and Information/Education

Program Description: Soil surveys have been completed on more than 99% of the state through this cooperative program between NRCS and KSU Agricultural Experiment Station. Digitization for use in Geographic Information Systems is underway at KSU with NRCS technical supervision. Soil survey reports contain basic information useful in identifying, classifying and managing wetland and riparian areas. The National Soil Information System (NASIS) is an automated computer database for storing interpretive soils data in a table-oriented format that provides easy access for a wide variety of soil interpretations. The State Soil Geographic (STATSGO) database provides a soil map database. Soil maps are made by generalizing the detailed soil survey data. The mapping scale for STATSGO map is 1:250,000. The level of mapping is designed to be used for broad planning and management uses covering state, regional, and multi-state areas. Field mapping methods using national standards are used to construct the soil maps in the Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database. Field mapping methods using national standards are used to construct the soil maps in the SSURGO database. Mapping scales generally range from 1:12,000 to 1:63,360; SSURGO is the most detailed level of soil mapping done by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. SSURGO digitizing duplicates the original soil survey maps. This level of mapping is designed for use by landowners, townships, and county natural resource planning and management. The user should be knowledgeable of soils data and their characteristics.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: P.L. 74-46, as amended.
Program Title: WATERSHED PLANNING AND OPERATIONS (P.L. 566)

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: NRCS provides assistance to project sponsors (watershed or conservation districts) to plan and install land treatment and structural practices for flood prevention, watershed protection, agricultural water management, recreational use, and fish and wildlife habitat development. Wetland and riparian areas habitat can be protected and/or enhanced through this program including easements.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: P.L. 83-566, as amended.

Program Title: WETLAND CONSERVATION PROVISIONS

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring and Information/Education

Program Description: Upon request, NRCS will determine if a producer’s land has areas subject to the Swampbuster provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act. The agency maintains a list of the plants and combinations of soil and plants found in wetlands and uses these technical tools, along with the hydrology of the area, to conduct determinations. These determinations stay in effect as long as the land is used for agricultural purposes (unless a violation occurs) or until the producer requests a review due to natural events. NRCS certifies previous wetland determinations upon request. To maintain USDA program eligibility, participants must certify that they have not produced crops on converted wetlands after December 22, 1985, and did not convert a wetland after November 28, 1990, to make agricultural production possible.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: Section 307(d), WRDA 1990
Program Title: WETLAND MITIGATION BANKING

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: To provide for the establishment, use and operation of mitigation banks for the purpose of providing compensation for adverse impacts to wetlands and other aquatic resources. Mitigation banks may be used to satisfy mitigation requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit program and the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act (FSA) (i.e., "Swampbuster" provisions).

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Statutory Authority: Section 307(d), WRDA 1990

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Program Title: WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP)

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: The Wetland Reserve Program is a voluntary program to restore wetlands. Participating landowners can establish conservation easements of either permanent or 30-year duration or they can enter into restoration cost-share agreements where no easement is involved. In exchange for establishing a permanent easement, the landowner receives payment up to the agricultural value of the land and 100 percent of the restoration costs for restoring wetland. The 30-year easement payment is 75 percent of what would be provided for a permanent easement on the same site and 75 percent of the restoration cost. The voluntary agreements are for a minimum 10-year duration and provide for 75 percent of the cost of restoring the involved wetlands. Easements set limits on how the lands may be used in the future. Restoration cost-share agreements establish wetland protection and restoration as the primary land use for the duration of the agreement. In all instances, landowners continue to control access to their land.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: WRP is authorized by the 16 U.S.C. 3837, et seq. WRP regulations are in 7 CFR, Part 1467.
Program Title: WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description: The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) provides financial incentives to develop habitat for fish and wildlife on private lands. Participants agree to implement a wildlife habitat development plan and USDA agrees to provide cost-share assistance for the initial implementation of wildlife habitat development practices. USDA and program participants enter into a cost-share agreement for wildlife habitat development. This agreement lasts for 10 years from the date that the contract is signed.

Program Contact: State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
750 S. Broadway
Salina, Kansas  67401

Phone: 785-823-4565
FAX: 785-823-4540

Statutory Authority: WHIP is authorized under Title III (Conservation), Sec. 387, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIRA) of 1996, Publ. 104.277.
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Program Title: CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM (CLP)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, and Information/Education.

Program Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to provide technical and financial assistance to states for protecting and restoring publicly-owned lakes that have public access and recreational use. This program offers financial assistance to states through four types of cooperative agreements: diagnostic feasibility study (30% nonfederal cost-share), implementation (50% cost-share); post-restoration monitoring (30% cost-share); and statewide lake water quality assessment activities (50% cost-share). The restoration and maintenance of wetland and riparian areas are proven techniques for protecting water quality and other benefits provided by lakes.

Program Contact: Kansas Clean Lakes Coordinator
Division of Environmental Quality
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building 740
Topeka, Kansas 66620

Phone: 785-296-5575

Statutory Authority: Clean Water Act (as amended), Section 314

Program Title: NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEMS (NPDES) AND PRETREATMENT PROGRAMS

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: Regulates the discharge of pollutants from point sources to waters of the United States. The program is administered by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. EPA has oversight and concurrent enforcement authority. The pretreatment program regulates the discharge of pollutants from industrial sources to municipal sanitary sewer systems. Wetland or riparian areas may be designated as waters of the United States, and may be protected from pollution discharges through the NPDES Program.

Program Contact: Chief, Permits/Compliance Section
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
726 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Phone: 913-551-7446

Statutory Authority: Clean Water Act, as amended.
Program Title:  NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL (NPS)

Type of Program:  Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance.

Program Description:  The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) administers nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control programs in Region VII, which includes Kansas. The program requires the creation of the State NPS Management Plan, a state NPS Assessment Report, and provides grant funds to implement the NPS Management Plan. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is the lead state agency in administering the Clean Water Act Section 319 NPS Management Program. Annual reports detail the state’s accomplishments toward the NPS Management Plan. Restoring and maintaining wetland and riparian areas are proven techniques for reducing NPS pollutants and may be a part of a comprehensive NPS management plan.

Program Contact:  EPA Nonpoint Source Program Manager for Kansas
   Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division
   726 Minnesota Avenue
   Kansas City, Kansas 66101

   Phone:  913-551-7372
   FAX:   913-551-7765

Statutory Authority:  Clean Water Act, as amended, Section 319

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Program Title:  SECTION 404 / WETLANDS PROGRAM

Type of Program:  Regulatory, Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education and Planning

Program Description:  The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) seeks to reduce the loss or degradation of water resources, including wetland and riparian areas, by implementing USEPA authority under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. These authorities include reviewing Section 404 permit public notices on dredge and fill permits and enforcing the Clean Water Act. Water resources regulated under these authorities must meet the definition of “waters of the United States.” To achieve these goals the USEPA provides financial assistance for special studies, the funding of National Wetland Inventory Mapping as produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other resource management tools. States, tribes, and local governments are eligible for funding under the Wetlands Grant Program to fund projects that demonstrate a direct link to improving wetland and riparian resources by developing programs for the protection of these wetland and riparian resources. Technical assistance is available to agencies for training in wetlands issues. Project consultation and education are also available to the general public.

Program Contact:  Kansas Section 404/Wetlands Coordinator
   Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division
   Water Resource Protection Branch
   726 Minnesota Avenue
   Kansas City, Kansas 66101

   Phone:  913-551-7930
   FAX:   913-551-7863

Statutory Authority:  Clean Water Act, as amended (33 USC 404 et seq.)
Program Title: STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM (SRF)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: This program provides loans and other forms of assistance for construction of publicly owned waste-water treatment facilities, and for the implementation of nonpoint source management programs developed under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. Either activity has potential for preventing or abating pollution of wetlands or riparian areas. Treatment facilities constructed under the program could include creation of artificial wetlands.

Program Contact: Chief, Municipal Program Section
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Forbes Field, Building 740
Topeka, Kansas 66620

Phone: 785-296-5527

Statutory Authority: Clean Water Act, Section 601, 33 USC 466 et seq.

Program Title: WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Type of Program: Regulatory.

Program Description: This program defines the uses of the state's surface waters, the maximum allowable concentration of specific pollutants, and the polices that protect human health and the environment. The Federal program is responsible for assisting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in setting water quality standards, and for ensuring that state adopted standards, criteria, and antidegradation provisions comply with the Clean Water Act regulations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may promulgate standards if it finds that a state is not following the Clean Water Act statutes. Public hearings are held on the present standards and proposed revisions. Wetlands or riparian areas may be designated as state waters. Numeric or narrative criteria may be developed to ensure their protection.

Program Contact: Water Quality Standard Coordinator
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division
Water Resources Protection Branch
726 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Phone: 913-551-7370
FAX: 913-551-7863

Statutory Authority: Clean Water Act, Section 303.
Program Title: WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Type of Program: Technical Assistance and Information/Education.

Program Description: Groundwater is the source of drinking water to approximately 85% of the Kansas population. The Wellhead Protection Program is designed to assist communities in protecting water supplies. This program identifies areas around wells that should be managed to protect wells from activities that could contaminate groundwater. Some wetlands and riparian areas recharge groundwater and may be managed to prevent contamination of water supplies.

Program Contact: Groundwater Protection Coordinator
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division
Drinking Water/Groundwater Branch
726 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Phone: 913-551-7423
FAX: 913-551-7863

Statutory Authority: Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments 1986
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Program Title: FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT.

Type of Program: Technical Assistance and Information/Education.

Program Description: This program predicts impacts on fish and wildlife habitat associated with proposed land and water developments, recommends methods for enhancing affected habitats, assists agencies responsible for managing natural resources, and supplies information to the public on natural resources. Emphasis is given to wetlands, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, and environmental contaminants.

Program Contact: Field Supervisor
Kansas Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
315 Houston St., Suite E.
Manhattan, KS 66502

Phone: 785-539-3474


Program Title: ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM

Type of Program: Regulatory, Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, and Information/Education.

Program Description: The Endangered Species Act protects and conserves ecosystems that threatened and endangered species depend on. Section 7 of the Act requires federal agencies to consult and/or confer with the U.S.F.W.S. whenever their actions may affect a species listed, or proposed to be listed, as threatened or endangered. Wetland and riparian areas provide critical habitats for over half of the federally-listed species in Kansas.

Program Contact: Field Supervisor
Kansas Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
315 Houston St., Suite E.
Manhattan, KS 66502

Phone: 785-539-3474

Program Title: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, and Information/Education.

Program Description: This program supports monitoring and research on the effects of contaminants on wildlife resources that the U.S.P.W.S. has management responsibilities. Recommendations are made that lessen the effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife and their supporting ecosystems. Other responsibilities include advice on pesticide uses, recommendations for water-quality criteria, and activities related to spills of hazardous substances. Information from this program is used to develop wildlife management strategies and restrictions on pollutants.

Program Contact: Field Supervisor
Kansas Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
315 Houston St., Suite E.
Manhattan, KS 66502

Phone: 785-539-3474

Program Title: PRIVATE LANDS PROGRAM (PARTNERS FOR WILDLIFE)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance.

Program Description: The private lands program in Kansas is designed to provide landowners with opportunities to restore, enhance, or create wetlands at minimal expense. Depending on the site, contracts are made for from 1 to 29 years. Landowner retains all rights. Technical advice and partial payment for construction is provided.

Program Contact: See State Areas map on page 78.

Northwest
Partners for Wildlife Biologist
Phillips County NRCS
655 5th Street
Phillipsburg, Kansas 67661-2117
Phone: 785-543-2518

Southwest
Flint Hills NWR
Refuge Manager
P.O. Box 128
Hartford, Kansas 66854
Phone: 316-392-5553
(or see Northwest contact)

Northeast
Kansas Field Office
Field Supervisor
Ecological Services
315 Houston, Suite B
Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Phone: 785-539-3474

Southeast
Flint Hills NWR
Refuge Manager
P.O. Box 128
Hartford, Kansas 66854
Phone: 316-392-5553

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.

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Program Title: NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY

Type of Program: Technical Assistance, Inventory/Monitoring, and Information/Education.

Program Description: The primary purpose of this program is to inventory and map all wetlands in the United States. In Kansas, wetlands in the southwestern 1/4 and some counties bordering Missouri have been mapped (as of 1991). Mapping for Kansas should be completed by 1998. Information can be provided for areas not completely mapped. Additional information regarding wetland classification, aerial photography, mapping, and miscellaneous wetlands information can be requested from this office.

Program Contact: Regional Wetland Coordinator
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center
Denver, CO 80225
Phone: 303-236-8114

Statutory Authority: Not applicable.
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Private Lands Program - State Areas

LEGEND

County Boundary
River Basin Boundary
Area Boundary
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Program Title: RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

Type of Program: Technical Assistance

Program Description: Conservation works today at the local level. Citizens in thousands of grassroots groups are protecting places that are important to them: nearby rivers, open space for the community, trails linking town and country. The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) supports this grassroots movement as an important part of the National Park Service (NPS) mission to protect America's natural and cultural resources. By assisting community-based efforts, the NPS can leverage scarce federal resources while providing alternatives to long-term federal involvement.

Community Based Conservation Planning

- RTCA helps States, local governments, and nonprofit organizations through cost-shared partnerships.
- Through a grassroots planning process, conservation issues are identified, important corridor resources, are assessed and conservation strategies are developed. Implementation plans and strategies are developed to involve state and local government agencies, private groups, landowners, and other users.
- RTCA's role is that of a facilitator and technical resource. All river and trail corridor projects attract support from other sources, and many are the centerpieces for rejuvenation and economic revitalization of a community. Significant funds are leveraged as a result of NPS involvement.
- Special emphasis is given to creating trail and greenway networks connecting homes and workplaces with parks and the countryside, and linking together significant natural and cultural resources in rural communities to facilitate recreation and tourism development. RTCA works closely with other Federal agencies and national trail organizations in providing information and technical assistance to address trail and greenway needs.
- RTCA river conservation efforts increasingly address protection through a watershed approach, which results in greater stakeholder involvement and a more sustainable kind of river restoration.

Program Contact: National Park Service
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance
1709 Jackson Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Phone: 402-221-3350

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

BAKER UNIVERSITY

Program Title: BAKER UNIVERSITY NATURAL AREAS

Type of Program: Inventory/Monitoring, Information/Education, and Research

Program Description: Baker University manages three natural areas that contain wetland and riparian areas. The Baker University wetlands cover 573 acres that are in various degrees of disturbance and includes 55-acres of virgin wetland prairie. The Ivan Boyd Woods is 35-acres of deciduous woodlands with small intermittent streams. The Ivan Boyd Prairie Preserve is an 18-acre upland prairie containing several natural seeps. This latter area is owned by Douglas County.

Program Contact: Dr. Roger L. Boyd
Director of Natural Areas
Biology Department
Baker University
Baldwin City, Kansas 66006

Phone: 785-594-6451, or 594-3172

DUCKS UNLIMITED

Program Title: MATCHING AID TO RESTORE STATE’S HABITAT (MARSH)

Type of Program: Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, and Information/Education.

Program Description: Approximately 70 active Ducks Unlimited chapters operate in Kansas, which raise $800,000 to $900,000 annually for wetland habitat conservation. Since 1985, 7.5% of the income raised in Kansas is allocated to Kansas Department or Wildlife and Parks, other governmental, or nonprofit groups for MARSH acquisition and/or development in the state. Also, DU has provided financial assistance ($272,000), plus biological and engineering review assistance in the Cheyenne Bottoms restoration process. In addition to the Ducks Unlimited magazine distributed to DU members, Kansas DU publishes a periodic newspaper called Wetland Watch.

Program Contact: See Regional Director map on page 82.
DUCKS UNLIMITED
Regional Director Assignments

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Woodland Park, CO 80863
719-686-1260
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Richard E. Blrich
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Buhler, KS 67522
316-543-6806
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LEGEND

County Boundary
River Basin Boundary
Region Boundary
KANSAS WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Program Title: KANSAS WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Type of Program: Information/Education.

Program Description: The Kansas Wildlife Federation monitors issues impacting wetlands. The Federation provides a membership and public education and awareness program through its publications, The Kansas Sportsman, the news media, and public forums. It advocates wetland protection and enhancement at the national, state, and local levels.

Program Contact: Executive Director
Kansas Wildlife Federation, Inc.
4840 West 15th
Lawrence, Kansas 66049-3876

Phone: 785-843-7786
FAX: 785-843-7555

KANSAS WILDSCAPE

Program Title: KANSAS WILDSCAPE

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing, Financial Assistance and Information/Educational.

Program Description: The Kansas Wildscape Foundation was created as an independent fund-raising entity for the purpose of generating and distributing monies to enhance Kansas' vast, but often overlooked, natural assets. The general goals are environmental education, land and wildlife habitat acquisition, conservation, improvements to state parks and other state lands, and other worthy projects. The Kansas Wildscape Foundation is dedicated to conserving and perpetuating the land, wild species, and the rich beauty of Kansas for the use and enjoyment of all.

Program Contact: Executive Director
Kansas Wildscape
1611 St. Andrews Dr. (P.O. Box 4029)
Lawrence, Kansas 66045

Phone: 785-843-9453
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Program Title:    THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing and Inventory/Monitoring.

Program Description: The mission of The Nature Conservancy is "to preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and water they need to survive". The fulfillment of this mission frequently draws our attention to wetland and riparian areas. We further attempt to focus on areas of concentrated biological diversity and areas important to rare, threatened, or endangered species. The Nature Conservancy is a private nonprofit corporation with 500,000 members, currently managing 1.3 million acres in 1,600 natural areas preserves.

Program Contact:    Kansas State Director
                     The Nature Conservancy
                     820 S.E. Quincy, Suite 301
                     Topeka, Kansas 66612

                     Phone: 785-233-4400

Statutory Authority: Not Applicable

PHEASANTS FOREVER

Program Title:    LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Type of Program: Acquisition/Leasing and Financial Assistance

Program Description: Local Pheasants Forever chapters in six NW Kansas Counties offer leasing or acquisition of small wetland areas in cooperation with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Also, statewide local Pheasants Forever chapters offer financial assistance for planting and protection of riparian areas (see map on page 86).

Program Contact: Barth Crouch
                     Pheasants Forever
                     1625 East B eloit
                     Salina, Kansas 67401

                     Phone: 785-823-0240
Program Title: LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Type of Program: Financial Assistance.

Program Description: Local Q.U. chapters offer financial assistance to landowners for planting trees and shrubs in riparian areas, and for fencing of riparian areas to restrict grazing.

Program Contact: Quail Unlimited
National Habitat Office
868 Road 290
Americus, Kansas 66835

Phone: 316-443-5834