

**Goal 1.**

*Increase drought tolerance in the Verdigris basin by optimizing reservoir releases and maintaining storage capacity.*

**Action Plans:**

- Encourage agencies and private entities to work with water users to improve intake and utilization efficiencies.
- Evaluate ways to pass accumulated sediment through reservoirs.
- Continue to promote the use of sediment-reducing best management practices (BMPs) above water supply reservoirs.
- The Kansas Water Office will continue to find ways to optimize reservoir operations and mitigate drought.

**Goal 3.**

*Continually work to prevent the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS), including Zebra and Quagga mussels, into Kansas Lakes that are not currently infested, by working with the agencies focused on ANS.*

**Action Plans:**

- The KWO and the RAC will work to prevent the spread of ANS into Kansas Lakes that are not currently infested, by working with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWP&T) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to install four Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination stations near the federal reservoirs within the Verdigris Region.
- The RAC will work with the KDWP&T and USACE on an ongoing basis to provide education for lake users concerning the spread of ANS and how to prevent it.
- The RAC will encourage funding for the ANS Program through the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF).

**Goal 4.**

*Improve water conservation through a public education campaign, with priority given to youth, to increase awareness and protect water supply for future generations.*