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Grant and Cost-Share Programs

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A multitude of cost-share programs are available to landowners interested in implementing practices that will improve their community's water quality. This brochure gives a brief summary of information about various programs to help individuals and municipalities determine a program that best suits their needs.

Clean Water Neighbor Grants- Any project which increases awareness of 1) water quality caused by nonpoint pollutant sources and 2) effective nonpoint source pollution control measures. Project sponsors must organize and host a "Clean Water Neighbor Workshop" sometime during the course of the Project. Project sponsors must invite Kansas Department of Health and Environment personnel to participate in the workshop. A wide variety of project activities have been supported, including: high school student water quality monitoring teams, stream cleanup, sedimentation pond to protect public water supply lake, composting workshops, etc. For more information, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment online at www.kdhe.state.ks.us or the Hillsdale Water Quality Project online at www.hwqp.org.

Conservation Easement Program- Landowners can voluntarily enroll in riparian and wetland areas into conservation easements. Public and private projects are eligible for this open enrollment program. The easement agreements cover best management practices 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 agreements or in perpetuity. For more information visit the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Designated- Landowners willing to take land that has been planted or could be planted out of crop rotation for 10 to 15 years are eligible to receive annual rental payments in exchange. Marginal pastureland is eligible for the program. Additional stipulation require that the sire be one of the following: highly erodible, be considered a cropped wetland, be subject to scour erosion, be located in a conservation priority area or be cropland associated with non-cropped wetlands. A 50 percent maximum cost-share is allowed. Registration for this program takes place each spring as announced. For more information, visit the Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service online at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Continuous- Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices, such as riparian buffers, filter strips, grassed waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, salt tolerant vegetation and shallow water areas for wildlife, may be enrolled at any time under the continuous registration program. Visit the Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services online at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Environmental Education Grants Program- This grant, offered by the Environmental Protection Agency, is designed to support programs that create, demonstrate or disseminate information concerning environmental education practices, methods or techniques. A 25 percent match is required. Eligible applicants include local schools and nonprofit organizations. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency online at www.epa.gov.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)- Technical, educational and financial assistance is provided by this program as a way to encourage agricultural landowners to adopt new best management practices targeted to reduce soil erosion, reduce phosphorus loading, sustain grasslands or improve riparian areas. Practices can include animal water management facilities, terrace, filter strips, tree planting and permanent wildlife habitat. The program requires landowners to sign a five to 20 year contract tied to incentive payments. Cost-share payments of up to 75 percent for practices are also available. Total cost-share and incentive payments are limited to \$10,000 per person per year and 50,000 for the length of the contract. Registration will be done in the springtime. Visit the Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services or the United State Department of Agriculture online at www.nrcs.usda.gov or www.usda.gov, respectively.

Forest Stewardship Program- The Forest Stewardship Program provides technical assistance to landowners to encourage proper management of their forest and to ensure water quality, reduce erosion and enhance many other benefits that riparian forests can provide. District foresters develop plans with assistance from appropriate federal and state agencies under the Stewardship Incentive Program. Landowners must include all their forestlands in the plan. For more information, visit the Kansas Forest Service online at www.kansasforest.org.



Hillsdale Water Quality Project- Landowners within Hillsdale Lake's Watershed can apply for cost-share assistance on practices that will reduce erosion and amount of other pollutants entering the lake's tributaries. Only practices that are not eligible for funding through other eligible programs are considered. An example of potential applicants would be landowners with property that is not used for agriculture, since agriculture programs are available through the Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service www.nrcs.usda.gov. Registration is continuous. For additional information, contact the Hillsdale Water Quality Project online at www.hwqp.org.



Kansas Conservation Tree Planting Program- Low-cost tree and shrub seedlings are offered for use in establishing riparian filter strips, woodlots, erosion control planting, wildlife habitat plantings, windbreaks and other conservation tree plantings. Orders may be placed at any time and are typically delivered between mid-March and May. District foresters are available to prepare management plans. Visit the Kansas Forest Service online at www.kansasforest.org.

Missouri Stream Team- The Missouri Stream Team promotes citizen awareness and involvement in river and stream conservation through education, stewardship and advocacy. Missouri Stream Teams have been active form amore that 11 years. There are more than 2,000 stream teams with more than 37,260 volunteers working to complete

more than 26 activities leading to Missouri Waterways. The program is not limited to volunteers living in Missouri. Kansans are also offered the opportunity to work with the program. For more information, contact the Missouri Stream Team online at www.mostreamteam.org.

National Tree Trust- Through its partnerships, with hundreds of community groups and thousands of volunteers, the National Tree Trust plants millions of trees on public land and along the nation's roadsides. The National Tree Trust promotes environmental stewardship and a greater awareness of the value of trees and students. The program offers the tools necessary to aid students in growing seedlings. The program's mission is to serve as a resource for volunteers interested in planting, growing and maintaining trees in urban and rural communities and along the nation's highways. Visit the National Tree Trust online at www.nationaltreetrust.org.

Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Fund- Funds provided by the State Conservation Commission can aid landowners interested in the protection and restoration of surface water and groundwater quality. Registration for this program, which supports water well plugging, septic system upgrades, private dumpsite cleanups, pasture and hayland management begins July 1. The program is open until all of the funds have been allocated. For more information, contact the Johnson County Conservation District online at www.nacdnet.org.

Private Lands/Partners for Fish Wildlife Program- The Private Lands/Partners for Fish Wildlife Program is designed to provide landowners with opportunities to restore, enhance or create wetlands at minimal expense. The program focuses on migratory birds and habitat restoration. Depending on the site, contracts can be established for a time frame ranging from 10 to 30 years. The landowner retains all rights. Technical advice and partial payment for construction is provided. The maximum allocation per project is \$10,000. For more information, contact the United State Fish and Wildlife Service online at www.fws.org.

Riparian and Wetland Protection Program- These State Conservation Commission funds can aid landowners interested in the conservation and management of riparian areas and wetlands. Financial Assistance is provided to implement practices such as critical area plantings, fencing, field borders, filter strips, livestock exclusion, proper grazing wetland restoration, tree revegetations and cut-willow plantings. Registration for this program is continuous. Visit the Johnson County Conservation District online at www.nacdnet.org.

River Friendly Farms Environmental Assessment Tool- This program provides property owners a \$250 incentive for completing a farm assessment manual and developing an action plan. The confidential and voluntary self-assessment tasks between six and eight hours to complete. Once the workbook is finished, the program provides some cost-share assistance for competing improvements notes as priorities by the landowner. Presently, funding is available until June, 2004. Visit the Kansas Rural Center online at www.kansasruralcenter.org.

Stream Stewardship- Any project focused on improving riparian area condition. Projects have included bank stabilization demonstrations, alternative livestock watering sites,

Quick Reference Guide

To Sources of Grants and Cost Share Assistance in Johnson County.

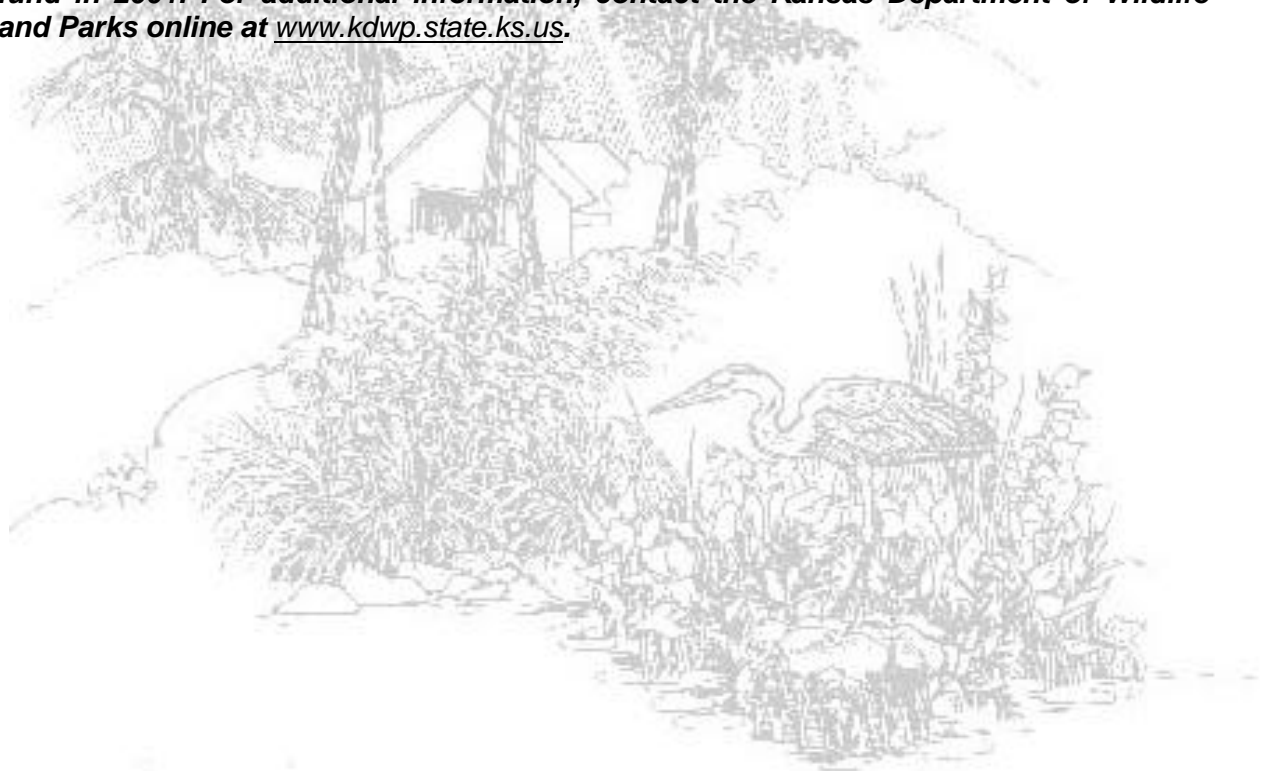
Source	Eligible Applicants	Examples of Possible Uses	Contact Information
Clean Water Neighbor Grants	Cities, counties and other organizations	Livestock pollution control demonstrations, stream teams, monitoring, stream cleanups.	Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 785-296-4195, or www.kdhe.state.ks.us Hillsdale Water Quality Project, 913-829-9414 or www.hwqp.org
Conservation Easements Program	Landowners	Protection and restoration of riparian and wetland areas.	Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 913-894-9113, or www.kdwp.state.ks.us
Conservation Reserve Program	Cities, counties and landowners	Plant cover of environmentally sensitive lands.	Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services, 913-764-1931, or www.nrcs.org
Environmental Education Grants Program	Schools and nonprofit organizations.	Supports programs that create information concerning environmental education practices.	Environmental Protection Agency, 202-260-6812, or www.epa.gov/ecosystems/contact
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)	Landowners	Grazing land management, filter strips, nutrient management and erosion reduction on cropland.	Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services, 913-764-1931, or www.nrcs.org
Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)	Landowners	Management of riparian forest to ensure water quality and reduce erosion.	Kansas Forest Service, 620-431-1530, or www.kansasforest.org
Hillsdale Water Quality Project	Landowners	Practices that reduce erosion and the amount of other pollutants entering Hillsdale Lake's tributaries.	Hillsdale Water Quality Project, 913-829-9414, or www.hwqp.org

Source	Eligible Applicants	Examples of Possible Uses	Contact Information
Private Lands/ Partners for Fish Wildlife Program	Landowners	Restoration, enhancement and creation of wetlands focusing on migratory birds and habitat restoration.	Kansas Forest Service, 620-431-1530, or www.kansasforest.org
Riparian and Wetland Protection Program	Landowners	Practices such as critical area plantings, fencing, field borders, filter strips, livestock exclusion, proper grazing, pumping plants for water control, spring development, water troughs or tanks, water and sediment control basins, habitat management, wetland restoration, tree revegetments and cut-willow plantings.	Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services, 913-764-1931, or www.nrcs.org
River Friendly Farms Environmental Assessment Tool	Landowners	A farm assessment manual supported by a limited amount of cost share assistance for completing improvements noted as priorities by the landowner.	Kansas Rural Center, 785-873-3431, or www.kansasruralcenter.org
Stream Stewardship	Cities, counties and other organizations	Best management practices including riparian buffer strips, stream cleanup and livestock waste systems.	Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 785-296-4195, or www.kdhe.state.ks.us Hillsdale Water Quality Project, 913-829-9414 or www.hwqp.org
Water Resources Cost-Share Program	Landowners	Grass seeding, terraces, waterways, critical area plantings, streambank protection and filter strips.	Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services, 913-764-1931, or www.nrcs.org
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	Landowners	Practices to restore and protect wetlands.	Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Services, 913-764-1931, or www.nrcs.org
Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP)	Landowners	Practices that develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands.	Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 913-894-9113, or www.kdwp.state.ks.us

abandoned dump cleanups, etc. Project sponsor must agree to be a resource contact person for others interested in knowing more about the measures and practices installed under the project. For more information, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment online at www.kdhe.state.ks.us or Hillsdale Water Quality Project online at www.hwqp.org.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)- This voluntary program encourages the restoration and protection of wetlands on private property. Landowners receive financial incentives to enhance their wetland in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land. Persons who have owned their land for at least one year can receive up to 100 percent of their restoration costs if a permanent easement for the wetland is granted. Up to 75 percent of the costs can be secured for lesser commitments. Eligible sites include wetlands farmed under natural conditions, farmed wetlands, prior converted cropland, farmland that has become a wetland as the result of flooding, rangeland, pasture or production forestland where the hydrology has been significantly degraded and can be restored, riparian areas linking protected wetlands, land adjacent to protected wetlands that contribute significantly to wetland functions and previously restored wetlands. Registration for this program contact the Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service online at www.nrcs.usda.org or the United States Department of Agriculture online at www.usda.org.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP)- Persons wanting to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands can receive technical assistance to help establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Property owners must agree to develop a long-term wildlife habitat management plan that outlines the landowner's goals for improving the habitat. It must include a list of practices and installation schedule. Maintenance of the improvements must also be detailed. ***Landowners willing to make a minimum of a 10-year commitment can receive up to 75 percent cost-share. Less than \$3,000 is available through this fund in 2001. For additional information, contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us.***



Technical Assistance

Business Assistance- The Pollution Prevention Institute, based in Manhattan, Kan., provides confidential assistance, on-site assessments and training seminars for businesses. The institute provides technical and regulatory compliance with the goal of helping businesses eliminate or reduce pollution before it is generated, increase their use of raw materials and resources and maintain information about industry regulations. The institute works in partnership with the Kansas Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. The program features a consortium of advisors who provide on-site assessments, informational sheets, workshops and technical aid. Informational sheets and publications produced by the institute are posted on their website at www.engg.ksu.edu/enggext/ppi.

Energy Conservation- Businesses looking for ways to conserve more energy can receive technical assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency's Small Business Energy Star Program. Firms agreeing to participate in the voluntary program are assisted with efforts to survey current equipment, determine potential energy-efficiency upgrade options and the financial payback of making the improvements. Go to the Environmental Protection Agency's website at www.epa.gov/smallbiz.

Conservation Planning- Individuals, groups or governmental entities may contact the Natural Resources Conservation Office for support creating a conservation plan designed to protect, conserve and enhance a site's natural resource problem-solving and management process integrating natural resource, economic and social considerations. Contact the Johnson County Conservation District or Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service online at www.nacdnet.org or www.nrcs.usda.org, respectively.

Riparian Areas- Landowners interested in re-establishing a riparian area or creating a riparian area may receive technical assistance from the Kansas State Conservation Commission or the Kansas Forest Service. Contact the Kansas Forest Service, Johnson County Conservation District or Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service online at: www.kansasforest.org, www.nacdnet.org or www.nrcs.usda.org, respectively.

Streams- Landowners interested in undertaking work within a stream may need a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They can provide limited technical assistance on the proposed project. Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers online at www.usace.army.mil.

Site Assessments- A cooperative effort between Kansas State University and the Johnson County Extension office has generated a risk-management guide for homeowners. Home*A*Syst includes a step-by-step guide for identifying and mitigating hazardous environmental conditions. Home*A*Syst is available through the Johnson County Conservation District or Johnson County Extension office. Both are online at: www.nacdnet.org or www.oznet.ksu.edu/johnson, respectively.

Wetlands- Landowners interested in determining if their agricultural site encompasses a wetland before draining an area may receive technical assistance from the Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service. Projects in an urban setting or on developing property are reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They can provide limited technical

assistance and a list of approved wetland consultants. Contact the Johnson County Conservation District or Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service online at www.nacdnet.org or www.nrcs.usda.org, respectively.

Contact Information

Agency or Organization	Phone Number
Environmental Protection Agency	
Small Business Energy Star Program	888-STAR-YES
Sustainable Development Grants	202-260-6812
Environmental Education Grants	202-260-8619
Hillsdale Water Quality Project	913-829-9414
Johnson County Conservation District	913-764-1931
Johnson County Extension Office	913-764-6300
Kansas Department of Health and Environment	785-296-4195
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks	913-894-9113, ext. 8
Kansas Forest Service	620-431-1530
Kansas Small Business Environmental Program	800-578-8898
The Missouri Stream Team	573-526-3406
The National Tree Trust	800-846-8733
Olathe Natural Resources Conservation Service	913-764-1931
Pollution Prevention Institute	800-578-8898 or 785-532-6952
River Friendly Farms Environmental Assessment	785-873-3431
United States Army Corps of Engineers	816-893-3658
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	785-539-3474, ext. 11

Information for this brochure has been compiled by a number of sources. It is designed to provide a guideline of programs to persons interested in implementing pollution control practices. Please be advised that while the information is verified, programs and funding priorities and recent program changes may not be reflected. For more information, contact the lead office listed for each program.

*Hillsdale Water Quality Project is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, working to improve water quality in Hillsdale Lake and watershed. Funding for the project comes from public, private, municipal donations and Nonpoint Source 319 grant funds, (9007405-08) (3889 959P), overseen by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Please direct any questions regarding this brochure to: Hillsdale Water Quality Project, P.O. Box 23, One New Century Parkway, Suite 115, New Century, KS 66031.
Website: www.hwqp.org Email: hwqp.org*