



The Marais des Cygnes River winding through the Wildlife Refuge near Pleasanton, Kansas.

Partnerships

The Targeted Watershed Grant is possible through national US EPA Targeted Watershed Implementation Grant funds, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Other Partners include the Hillsdale Water Quality Project, Lake Region RC&D, Osage Valley RC&D, and many others.



Learn more.

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“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.” -Goethe



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MARAIS DES CYGNES BASIN TARGETED WATERSHED GRANT



and water.

We can help.



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Innovative and flexible cost-share!

Some projects eligible for funding:

Septic Upgrades

- Funding for a homeowner to replace or upgrade a failing septic system

Riparian Forestry

- Up to 75 percent of project cost to plant trees in riparian zones
- Forester consultation and timber stand improvement
- Stream bank stabilization

Livestock Management

- Installation of alternate watering systems to keep livestock out of streams
- Construction of stream crossings
- Purchase of equipment for spreading out feeding sites

Grant funds may never exceed 75 percent of the total project cost. All practices must be completed within the identified KS and MO Marais des Cygnes Basin.

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About the Basin

Located south of the Kansas City metropolitan area, the Marais des Cygnes River Basin is home to more than 125,000 Kansas and Missouri residents. Heavy growth and development and a robust agriculture characterize the Basin and present challenges to maintaining and improving water quality. Covering a combined 5,101 square miles, the Marais des Cygnes, Marmaton and Little Osage Rivers provide vital water supply and recreational

resources to 13 counties in east central Kansas and four west central Missouri counties. Kansas counties include: Wabaunsee, Lyon, Osage, Coffey, Douglas, Franklin, Anderson, Miami, Johnson, Linn, Allen, Bourbon and Crawford. Missouri counties: Cass, Bates, Vernon and Barton.

The Problem

Dissolved oxygen, nutrient loading and fecal coliform bacteria are identified impairments in basin streams. Suspected sources of these impairments include livestock, municipal and home wastewater systems, cropland, storm-water

and naturally occurring sources.

The Plan

A plan is in motion to reduce non-point source pollution in basin streams, thus improving overall water quality. Stakeholders from Missouri and Kansas identified the following areas of emphasis:

- Assure riparian areas produce the best possible water quality.
- Reduce water quality impacts of livestock production.
- Reduce adverse water quality

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impacts from on-site wastewater systems.

- Reduce water quality impairments in and around towns and communities.
- Monitor stream and river conditions throughout the grant program.

Leadership

Training to teach local leaders, volunteers, landowners, producers, and others about the water quality issues and basin conditions is available. Routine consideration of water quality issues in local decision-making will be the objective.

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Please send me information on the following programs:

- Septic System Cost-Share
- Riparian Forestry Cost-Share
- Livestock Management
- Environmental Leadership
- Upcoming Events/Workshops
- Grant Activities in General