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### **Fishing Line Recycling Program Now Offered in Spring Hill**

Caught a snag when you thought it was a keeper, yet yielded a ball of fishing line? Why not recycle it.

This year, the Project partnered with the City of Spring Hill to install two more monofilament bins. The bins are installed at Spring Hill's City Lake and the Melvin Murray Pond.

Spring Hill Public Work's staff will collect and clean the fishing line. The Project will submit the cleaned and collected fishing line to Pure Fishing, Inc., so that it will be recycled into items such as: tackle boxes, underwater fish structures and other fishing related items.

Spring Hill Public Works' Parks Supervisor Beau Ford believes the two new monofilament recycling bins will provide convenience at accessible sites in Spring Hill.

"We have chosen the locations for ease of use by anglers," Ford said. "The bins are easily accessed at the entrance points to both locations. Utilizing the recycling stations will help promote a healthy and safe environment our residents can enjoy."

The monofilament recycling bins are important to use to keep the fishing line off the shores and out of the water.

Last year, Hillsdale Water Quality Project (Project) worked with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to install three monofilament or fishing line, recycling bins at Hillsdale Lake. The program's success stemmed from bins located at the Jayhawker Boat Ramp, Marysville Boat Ramp and the Spillway.

Jennie Fyock, the Project's information specialist, encourages properly discarding all recyclable materials.

"We hold many stream and lake clean up events annually," Fyock said. "It is always amazing how much fishing line is collected by volunteers.

"The bins create a convenient, simple way to recycle fishing line so that it can be used for other useful things," Fyock said.

Missouri Stream Team, in partnership with Berkley Pure Fishing, donated the PVC monofilament recycling bins to Project for use at Hillsdale Lake.

Hillsdale Water Quality Project is a non-profit organization working throughout the watershed, or drainage area to Hillsdale Lake, to protect and restore water quality.

Johnson County Stormwater Management Advisory Council recently awarded the Project grant funding for this and many other activities through the Johnson County Stormwater Management Program.

For more information about Hillsdale Water Quality Project, or to participate in upcoming volunteer opportunities, contact Fyock at 913-829-9414 or [jfyock@hwqp.org](mailto:jfyock@hwqp.org).

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