

Wetland *Restoration*

Elk Creek Wetland Project

Project Profile

Landowner: Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Location: Douglas County
Focus Area: Clinton Wildlife Area
Habitat Restoration: 25-acre wetland/25-acre buffer
Project Year: 2002
Project Cost: \$20,800



This project was submitted to the KAWS Eastern I-70 Chapter by Ryan Mollnow, Clinton Wildlife Area Manager, and completed the first phase of a large wetland and riparian area restoration which covers approximately 300-acres costing around \$300,000. It is directly adjacent to the Wakarusa River and Clinton Reservoir. The demo project would involve converting 50-acres of cropland into a 25-acre wetland and 25-acres of buffer comprised of nut seedings and native grass at a total cost of \$20,800. The project lies on public land and would be very accessible for tours. The PMT approved \$15,213 toward the development of the first phase. Remaining costs were covered by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks preparing and planting the buffer area.



The nut seeding portion was coordinated with the Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance Stream Steward Program. They organized students and teachers to come out and receive training on wetlands and their associated buffers on October 15, 2002. An educational tour of the project was also given as part of the Eastern I-70 Chapter meeting on November 14, 2001.



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