

Wetland *Restoration*

Jackson Heights HS Educational Wetland Project

Project Profile

Landowner: Jackson Heights High School
Location: Jackson County
Focus Area: Educational Wetlands
Habitat Restoration: Two educational wetlands
Project Year: 2003
Project Cost: \$18,000



Photo not available at press time.

This project was submitted to the Eastern I-70 Chapter and put together by Gary Keehn who teaches at the Jackson Heights High School. The project involves the development of two educational wetlands. One is adjacent to Banner Creek Lake to filter runoff from a highly grazed pasture above the Lake. The site would be tied into a 13 mile hike/bike trail and would be used to incorporate water quality education on wetlands.

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The second one involves a one-acre wetland to be used for student environmental education. The project would tie into an existing 3 mile nature trail. The project also includes placement of a well to remove an irrigation system from the upstream pond. This will allow the water in the pond to be used for controlling water levels in the wetland. Estimated total cost on the two areas was \$18,000 with \$14,000 approved by the PMT. Many partners are involved in the overall project which includes the Jackson County Conservation District, NRCS, KS Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, Westar Energy, Baker University and the Jackson Heights High School.



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