

How Do I Apply?

Applications, and any assistance necessary to complete applications, can be obtained from the LIP program coordinator, LIP project coordinators, or your local KDWP regional office (contact information below). Information requested in the application includes data necessary to determine eligibility, current site conditions, potential project activities, and expected benefits. Completed applications should be sent to either the LIP program coordinator or the LIP project coordinators.

How Will Applications Be Selected For Funding?

Applications will be selected by an ad-hoc committee of wildlife professionals. To ensure all applicants are considered fairly and that the best projects are selected, each application will be ranked independently using a pre-established set of criteria. Factors considered include determining if eligibility requirements are met, number of GCN species that will benefit, the number of goals and objectives in the Kansas Wildlife Action Plan that are addressed, and cost-effectiveness. Successful applicants will be contacted by KDWP and requested to sign a contract that details the terms of landowner participation and the cost-share that will be provided.

Who Do I Contact For More Information?

If you are interested in learning more about the LIP, fill out the application included in this brochure and return to the nearest KDWP regional office where your land is located. A KDWP representative will contact you. In addition, more information on this program is available from the LIP coordinators or district wildlife biologists located in Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

LIP Application

I am interested in applying for a LIP grant to improve my property for GCN species and other wildlife.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

It would be best to contact me during the
Day: _____ Evening: _____

I am the
Landowner: _____ Tenant: _____

Send Application to:

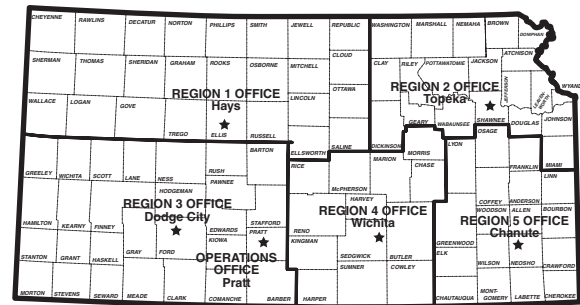
KDWP
Attn: LIP Coordinator
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124

For More Information

LIP Program Coordinator
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124
(620) 672-5911

LIP Project Coordinator
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
190 Franklin
Colby, KS 67701
(785) 462-3367

LIP Project Coordinator
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
1001 McArtor Rd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 227-8609



Contact KDWP District Wildlife Biologists at the following Regional Offices

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| Region 1
1426 Hwy 183 Alt.
Hays, KS 67601
(785) 628-8614 | Region 2
300 SW Wanamaker
Topeka, KS 66606
(785) 273-6740 |
| Region 3
1001 McArtor Rd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 227-8609 | Region 4
6232 E 29th St. N
Wichita, KS 67220
(316) 683-8069 |

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave. Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612-1327 03/07

Kansas Landowner Incentive Program



Working with landowners to conserve critical habitats on private lands in Kansas.

What Is The Landowner Incentive Program?

The Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks (KDWP) has long recognized the importance of working with private landowners and is constantly looking for ways to help make wildlife conservation more affordable. In 2006, KDWP received a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, to implement a Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) to assist in this effort. The goal of the LIP is to provide direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in contributing to the conservation of species in Greatest Conservation Need (GCN).

What Are Species In Greatest Conservation Need?

Species classified as GCN include native fish and wildlife that are at risk due to loss and modification of critical habitat or low and declining populations. Currently, Kansas supports 315 GCN species based on the state Wildlife Action Plan. The Kansas LIP will focus on enhancing habitats for the following 12 GCN species in the short- and mixed-grass prairie ecoregions:

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| American Avocet | Flathead chub |
| Arkansas Darter | Green Toad |
| Whooping Crane | Topeka Shiner |
| Black-tailed Prairie Dog | Black Tern |
| Lesser Prairie-Chicken | Northern Pintail |
| Ferruginous Hawk | Cassin's Sparrow |

Habitats important for these species include streams and associated riparian areas, playa lakes, and native grasslands. Although the LIP is targeted to enhance habitats for GCN species, many game species also rely on these habitats. Projects funded by LIP have the potential to improve habitats for game, including, deer, quail, and pheasants.

How Does The Landowner Incentive Program Benefit Private Landowners?

- Provides technical assistance.
- Provides up to 75% of project funding.
- Increases economic value of land.
- Can complement other federal & state programs to conserve wildlife.

What Projects Are Eligible For Funding?

- Participation is limited to privately-owned land in the mixed- and short-grass prairie regions.
- Special consideration will be given to projects in the Red Hills, Cimarron River Sandsage, Arkansas River Sandsage, Smoky Hills, and Playa Lakes areas.
- Projects must contribute to the enhancement of habitats for at least one GCN species.



- Although there is no minimum area requirement, enhancement of habitat for some species (e.g., lesser prairie-chicken) may require larger areas to achieve management objectives.
- Landowners must agree to allow KDWP biologists access to project lands to evaluate potential activities in cooperation with the landowner and ensure agreed-upon activities are implemented correctly.

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires landowners contribute a minimum of 25% of the total project cost. This match can either be a cash contribution from a non-federal source or in-kind contributions of labor, materials, and equipment use.

What Are Some Examples of LIP Projects?

- Riparian Fencing & Plant Restoration
- Planting Native Grasses
- Brush/Invasive Plant Management
- Alternate Livestock Water Sources
- Prescribed Fires
- Wetland Restoration

Are There Funding Limitations?

Currently, no funding limitations apply. Each project will be considered individually, with priority given to those that are most cost-effective in protecting, restoring, or enhancing habitat for GCN species listed.

