

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for requesting information concerning the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) administered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Pertinent material is attached or enclosed to begin your application process. Applications will be accepted until August 1 of each year for the following Federal Fiscal Year. Funds for this program are appropriated by the FHWA to KDWPT for recreational trail development.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the current program, reauthorized the RTP from 2016 through 2020. The program provides an 80/20 match, on a reimbursement basis, for eligible recreational trail and trail-related projects. This means that you must fund 100% of the project and KDWPT will reimburse you up to 80% of the approved total cost, though you need not complete the entire project before applying for reimbursement. Your application must include the completed forms that are enclosed and a detailed cost breakdown along with a detailed site plan. This program is very similar to the Land and Water Conservation Program. Many of the same guidelines, forms and documentation will be utilized. However, the department will not add a surcharge to the project. Generally, overhead or administrative costs will not be funded from this program, but a portion of these costs may be used as part of the local match. The local match must be detailed on the enclosed form and may not be from any other Federal source.

Trail and trail-related project proposals will not be accepted where the primary objective is to provide an alternative transportation corridor, such as bicycle lanes marked on an existing highway or sidewalks. All projects selected must fall into one or more of three categories: motorized, non-motorized, or diversified recreational trail or trail-related projects. Proposals that provide for improved ADA and environmental impacts will receive a high priority. All proposals must contain a completed environmental checklist, which is included with the application materials.

I'm sure this packet will not answer all of your questions. If you have general questions about documentation, consult the LWCF handbook. If it is acceptable under LWCF, it probably will be acceptable under RTP. If you have other questions, please contact me as soon as possible. If I don't have the answer, I'll find the answer as quickly as possible. Together, we can go a long way toward meeting the needs of our users.

Sincerely,



Kathy Pritchett, Trail Grants Coordinator
Parks Division

**Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
Application Form**

DATE: COUNTY: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

KANSAS SENATE DISTRICT: KANSAS HOUSE DISTRICT:

APPLICANT/ GOVERNMENT AGENCY: _

ADDRESS: _

PROJECT TITLE: -

PROJECT CLASSIFICATION (Check One):

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Non-Motorized Single-Use | - Non-Motorized Multi-Use |
| - Motorized Single-Use | - Motorized Multi-Use |
| - Education | |

PROJECT LOCATION (GPS): _ MILES OF TRAIL:

PROJECT LOCATION (Legal Description): _

PROJECT SHORT NARRATIVE: _

COST ESTIMATE:

Current Cost

Construction Cost:

\$ _____

Applicant's Contact Person

Right-of-Way Cost:

\$ _____

(Title)

Utility Adjustment Cost:

\$ _

Design Cost:

\$ _____

Construction Engineering:

\$ _____

(Mailing Address)

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

\$ _

Phone No. () _

TOTAL REQUESTED FROM STATE:

(Maximum = 80%)

\$ _

BALANCE (Local Cost = Minimum 20%)

\$ _____

Applicant's Signature

Send Request to: Trails Grant Coordinator
Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
512 SE 25th Avenue
Pratt, KS 67124

Environmental Review Checklist

Part I

Project Title: _____ Project Number: _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Project Location: _____ Quarter: _____ Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____ County: _____

Note: This checklist is a planning tool, so that informed decisions can be made on the information provided. To facilitate evaluation of the environmental impact of the proposed project, **please attach a current 8 1/2" x 11" aerial photograph (may be obtained from county CFSA office) and a map showing the project location details, including construction limits.** Please answer each question as completely and truthfully as possible. If the information is unavailable, or unknown, please indicate so.

Projects with incomplete checklist information or without a map and photograph will be returned without further review or evaluation.

1. Why is this new project needed and what is its purpose? (You may reference portions of the project narrative instead of writing a new narrative).

2. What alternatives to the new project were considered and why were they ruled out?

3. What resources may be affected by the proposed work? (Answer positive (+), negative (-) or no effect (NA)).

Wildlife	_____	Air Quality	_____	Economy	_____	Cultural/Historical	_____
Vegetation	_____	Topography	_____	Geology	_____	Aesthetics	_____
Soils	_____	Stream Morphology	_____	Sociology	_____	Land Use	_____
wetlands	_____	Water Quality	_____	Water Usage	_____		

4. Will this project involve any of the following activities?

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A) Dredging or depositing of material in or near a wetland, stream, pond, lake or reservoir, or upon a 100-year floodplain?

How much, and # of acres affected _____

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B) Construction or alteration of a dam or other stream obstruction?

Dam height in ft. _____

Dam length: _____

Maximum storage capacity: _____

AF

Surface area: _____

Acres

Drainage area above structure: _____

Acres

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C) Altering the flow, cross section, or alignment of a stream?

Attach a drawing of a cross section.

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D) Construction of a dike or levee upon a 100-year floodplain?

Attach a drawing of a cross section.

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E) Initiate a new use of water, or alter an existing water right by changing the use, quantity or point of diversion?

If new, how much (AF or fps)? _____

IF a change, specify _____

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F) Be performed in an area in which threatened or endangered species are present? (See lists of T/E species, as distributed by ESS)

If yes, list species _____

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G) Be performed in an area in which Species in Need of Conservation are present?

If yes, list species _____

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H) Affect a wetland area through development or modification (Note: "A wetland is land that has a predominance of hydric soils and that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground-water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances, does support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.")?

If yes, list # of acres _____

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I) Include the introduction of any species not presently or historically occurring in the receiving area (e.g., tilapia, grass carp, trout, etc.)?

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J) Include the use of any chemical toxicant (For pesticide hazard list, inquire up your supervisory chain. NOTE: this item includes Rotenone)?

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K) Impact on any rivers, permanent or intermittent streams, or trails?

If yes, name waterway or trail _____

of miles affected _____

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L) Impact any crucial wildlire habitats as they are defined in the 1991-1996 Strategic Plan, or attached Table 7?

If yes, list habitat types

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M) Result in any discharge which may conflict with Federal or State air or water quality standards?

If yes, what quantity?

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N) Negatively affect any federal or state designated Natural or Scientific area?

If yes, which one?

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O) Affect any prime or unique farmland or forestland through development or modiciation (i.e., removing it from production?

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P) Generate organized opposition or substantial public controversy?

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Q) Affect any known archaeological, historical, or cultural site, or alter the aesthetics of the subject area?

5. If this project proposal involves construction.....

What are the soil types at this site (refer to NRCS county soil map)?

What is land use?

What is ground cover?

How long has this area been in public ownership?

Was area purchased with Federal Aid funds?

This completes the Environmental Checklist, Part I. If further information is needed, you will be contacted.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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