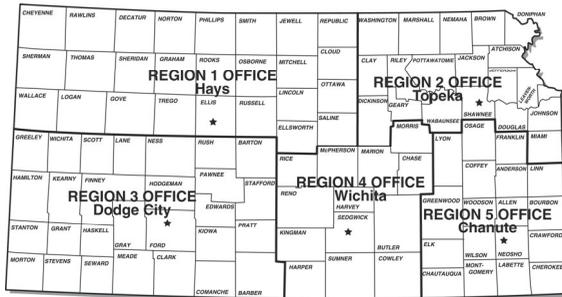


PLAYA LAKE SIGNUP INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION

How to Apply

Simply fill out the application on the brochure and send completed application and a copy of CP23a contract to the LIP wildlife biologist in your area:



Region 1 LIP Wildlife Biologist
190 N Franklin
Colby, Kansas 67701
Phone 785-462-3367

Region 3 LIP Wildlife Biologist
1001 W McArtor Rd.
Dodge City, Kansas 67801
Phone 620-227-8609

LIP Coordinator
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, Kansas 67124
Phone 620-672-5911

Please fill out as you would like payment
made if qualifications are met

Name _____
Please Print Landowner or Business Name

Address _____
Street/RR/Box

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Application _____

Signature: _____

By signing this application you agree to provide a copy of your approved CP23A contract to Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks so that appropriate payment can be made.

Equal opportunity to participate and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. 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. 03/05

Please provide the complete legal description (example: W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 24 T15S R18W Ellis Co.) of all parcels of land that have playa lakes that you would like to enroll in this program on the lines below.

Qtr _____ Sec _____ Twp _____
Range _____ County _____

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Estimated CP23A Acres _____



PLAYA LAKE SIGNUP INCENTIVE PROGRAM



WATERFOWL USE PLAYA LAKES

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & PARKS



What is a Playa Lake?

Playa lakes are naturally occurring depressions found in western Kansas and other parts of the Great Plains. Most people refer to them as lagoons or buffalo wallows. These playa lakes or lagoons can be difficult to farm, since they flood from time to time. Many crops have to be re-planted two or three times, and if a crop is grown on them, it may flood prior to harvest. Some farmers have indicated they only received one crop in 10 years in these low-lying areas.



PLAYA LAKE IN CROPLAND

Benefits to Protecting Playas

The benefits to protecting playas through playa conservation programs are numerous. These playas provide vital habitat for many wildlife species such as migratory waterfowl and shorebirds, sandhill cranes, upland game birds, and other game and non-game species. Playas also recharge groundwater supplies, and protect drinking water. The associated

grass buffers filter runoff from crop fields and slow the sedimentation of the playa.



PLAYA WITH NEWLY PLANTED BUFFER

Conservation Reserve Program CP23A

CP23A is a Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) practice that is administered through the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) and provides a landowner the option of protecting playas and providing the benefits described above. This program requires a native grass buffer to be planted around the playa, which cannot exceed a 4 to 1 buffer to playa ratio. In addition, this program provides an annual rental payment for all acres enrolled along with 50 percent cost share assistance of eligible practice installation costs. The program also offers a wetland restoration incentive payment that is equal to 25 percent of the cost of restoring hydrology of the site. Local Farm Service Agency (FSA) Offices or

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Offices can provide more details.

Playa Lake Signup Incentive Program

The Playa Lake Signup Incentive Program (PLSIP), administered through the Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks (KDWP), offers a one-time signup incentive payment to those landowners who establish a CP23A (Wetland Restoration, non-floodplain) contract through USDA's Continuous Conservation Reserve Program. This one-time incentive payment will pay \$15 for each acre of playa and buffer contracted through your CP23A contract. This incentive payment will only be provided to those landowners who secure a CP23A contract.



PLAYA LAKE AFTER SPRING RAIN EVENT

The Playa Lake Signup Incentive Program is administered by the KDWP through the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP). Other partners in the project are Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Conoco/Phillips Petroleum, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, USDA Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and cooperating landowners.



**TYPICAL PLAYA LAKE IN WESTERN
KANSAS**

Landowners who participate in PLSIP retain all recreational rights to their land. A KDWP LIP representative will review applications and assist with enrollment and contracts.

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