

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism

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Private Lands Habitat Program

Since the 1970's, KDWPT has partnered with private landowners to provide technical and financial assistance for wildlife habitat management and development projects.

- District Wildlife Biologist responsible for program within county.
- Services are free.
- No requirement to provide public hunting access.
- Equipment available for use. (tree planter, native grass drill)
- Financial assistance comes from hunters fees.

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Process:

- Biologist conducts a site visit with landowner.
(Habitat assessment)
- Provides written management plan.
- Looks at options for technical and/or financial assistance.
(KDWPT, USDA Farm Bill Programs, USFWS, NGO's)
- Simple Habitat Agreement for financial assistance.
- Works with landowner to implement projects.

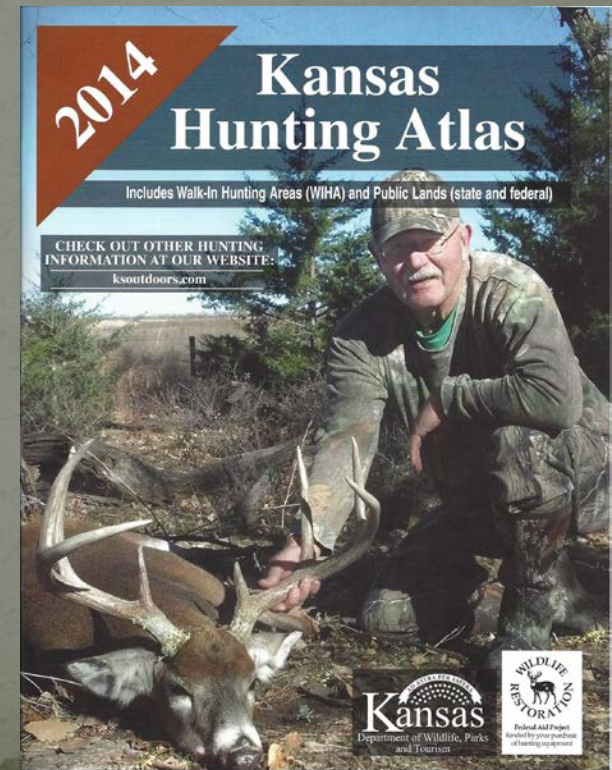
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Partial Practice List

- ❑ Native Grass/Forb Plantings (crop fields, field borders, filter strips, waterways, terraces)
- ❑ Cool Season Grass Conversion (haying, grazing)
- ❑ Invasive Tree Removal (rangeland & woodland)
- ❑ Prescribed Grazing
- ❑ Prescribed Burning
- ❑ Cover Crops
- ❑ Pollinator Habitat
- ❑ Wetland Development and Management
- ❑ Light Disking
- ❑ Forb Inter-seeding
- ❑ Woodland Management
- ❑ Tree/Shrub Plantings (riparian buffers, Quail Covey Headquarters)

Public Hunting Access Programs

- Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA)
- Special Hunts on Private Lands (Youth, Youth/Mentor, Open)
- Yearly and multi-year public hunting lease agreements.
- Payment dependent on number of acres and length of lease.
- Also, Fishing Access for ponds and streams.



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