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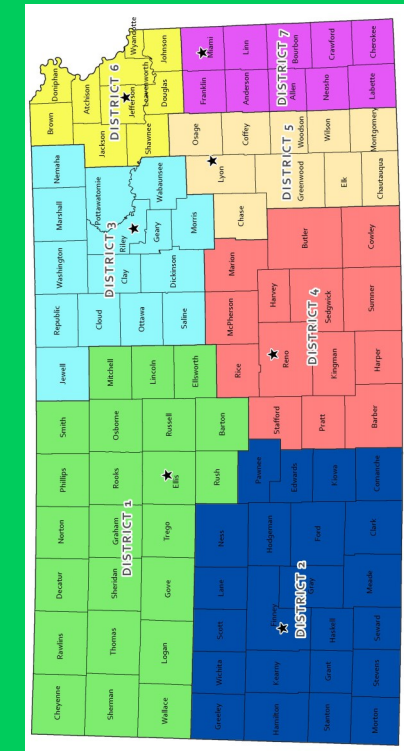
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Kansas Forest Service Districts



A photo of one of many Kansas windbreaks in poor condition that is being renovated through CCPI and EQIP for Forestland Health.

Recent inventories suggest 44 percent of Kansas windbreaks are in fair-to-poor condition and in need of renovation.

There are an estimated 289,577 acres of windbreaks in Kansas that stretch a total of 43,436 miles and protect 579,221 acres of cropland, farmsteads, homes and livestock operations.

Keeping Kansas windbreaks in “functioning condition” is an important goal of CCPI.



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Financial assistance for managing woodlands, windbreaks, and riparian forests

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



Forestland Health 2022

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About the Program



The **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for Forestland Health** provides financial assistance to manage forests, woodlands, renovate old windbreaks and establish new ones. Forestland, windbreaks, cropland, and grassland all have the potential to qualify for the program if a “resource concern” is identified. Primary resource concerns for the program are the health and condition of trees in windbreaks and forests, soil erosion that impacts water associated with excessive sediment. Specific examples of resource concerns may include:

- ◆ Old windbreaks with gaps and dead trees or shrubs
- ◆ Streambank erosion where additional tree planting can provide long-term reduction in soil loss
- ◆ Forest or woodlands that are over crowded (need thinning), or would benefit from additional tree planting; or contain a high percentage of invasive or undesirable trees and shrubs

EQIP for Forestland Health payment rates are based upon region-wide average costs.

Eligibility and Requirements

- ◆ EQIP is available state-wide.
- ◆ Applicants must be engaged in agricultural production or forest management or have interest in the agricultural or forestry operation associated with the land offered for enrollment in EQIP.
- ◆ Tenants may apply with written support from landowners.
- ◆ Land must have a “resource concern” as determined by Kansas Forest Service district foresters and/or NRCS district conservationists.
- ◆ A forest management plan or Forest Stewardship Management plan is required. Plans are prepared by KFS district foresters at no cost to the applicant. Plans are not required prior to application though they can speed up the process.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted continuously at county NRCS offices located in USDA Service Centers. However, the application evaluation period cutoff date for federal fiscal year 2023 will be sometime in November 2022. Locations and contact information are available on the Web at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov by clicking on “Find a Service Center” under “Kansas Links”. Additional program information is also located at http://www.kansasforests.org/rural_forestry/financialincentiveprograms.html

NRCS will refer applicants to a Kansas Forest Service district forester who will visit the property and develop a management plan to guide the project. NRCS will then rank and prioritize the application based on criteria developed for Forestland Health and fund accordingly. After contracts are obligated by NRCS and plans are completed applicants may begin their projects.

Eligible Practices and Rates*

Partial listing of practices and payment rates. Applicants are reimbursed at these rates.

Mechanical Mowing	\$9.79/AC
Herbicides	\$34.37/AC
Weed Barrier Fabric (squares)	\$0.80/EA
Weed Barrier Fabric (rolls)	\$0.40/FT
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (chemical)	\$110.79/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (light)	\$42.62/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (medium)	\$179.26/AC
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (heavy)	\$191.62/AC
Direct Seeding (Riparian Buffer)	\$829.69/AC
Tree Planting (Machine & Tubes)	\$5.04/EA
Tree Planting (Hand/Browse Protection)	\$3.00/EA
Tree Planting (Machine)	\$1.76/EA
Riparian Forest Buffer Tree Planting, Container & Machine	\$1,213.04/AC
Riparian Forest Buffer Tree Planting, Bare Root & Hand-planted	\$1,367.29/AC
Barbed Wire Fence (multi strand)	\$1.07/FT
Forest Stand Improvement (single stem treatment)	\$213.99/AC
Windbreak Renovation Supplemental Planting, Bare Root	\$415.93/AC
Windbreak Renovation Row Removal—Dozer	\$1.65/FT

* *Payment rates are subject to change.*

FT — foot AC — acre EA — Each

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