



## HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

This all Native American and Alaskan Native college, located in Lawrence, Kansas, is dedicated to conserving its campus. The campus includes a natural wetland, forest-land, pasture, and a tallgrass prairie.

Through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Haskell has been able to create a pit pond that was modified to control the water level. Controlling the water level will help Haskell benefit the wildlife that pass through and/or live on campus. Besides creating another water source, Haskell planted some of the pasturelands back to tallgrass prairie.



## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is responsible for administration and management of the acres of land held in trust by the United States for American Indians. The BIA works with NRCS in order to direct the Farm Bill programs on the trust land. These programs consist of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).



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## Kansas

### HELPING PEOPLE HELP INDIAN COUNTRY



- Kaw Nation
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
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- Haskell Indian Nations University
- Bureau of Indian Affairs

## KAW NATION

The Kaw Nation is turning 158 acres of ancestral land located 3-1/2 miles south of Council Grove, Kansas, into Kaw Nation's Allegawho Memorial Heritage Park. The park will have a visitor's center and a walking trail that has audiovisual interpretative kiosks.



The Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helped the Kaw Nation convert the cropland into a tallgrass prairie with conservation technical assistance. The Morris County Conservation District provided financial assistance.

Among the features of the park will be a model of a traditional Kanza lodge, the restored Kaw agency building, and a monument to view along with the natural beauty of this area.



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## PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION

The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation began to repurchase reservation land that was previously sold. Since the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation is acquiring land, a Land Management Department has been established. It is responsible for the preservation of culturally-significant sites, the conservation of the natural Environment, the protection of land used for agriculture, and the assistance in the social and economic development of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and its citizens.

The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation owns and operates 20,000 plus acres. The Nation participates in the Farm Bill programs and is one of the largest owner/operators in Jackson County, Kansas. The



Nation manages both cropland and grasslands.

The Land Management Department works together with the NRCS Holton Field Office and the Jackson County Conservation District to improve the natural resources on the reservation by implementing conservation practices.

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## KICKAPOO NATION

The Kickapoo (Kiikaapoi) Tribe is located in Horton, Kansas, in Brown County. The NRCS Hiawatha Field Office works with the Kickapoo Tribe on conserving their tribal land. Like most reservations, the Kickapoo Nation's original allotted land has decreased in size and now conserving the natural resources on the land is very important and vital to the survival of the Kickapoo Nation.



The types of conservation practices implemented on the Kickapoo reservation include ponds, cross fencing, brush control, gradient terraces, tile outlet terraces, fencing to protect riparian areas, wildlife management, hayland management, and pastureland management.

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