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## KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-13-41

### SUBJECT: LTP—Environmental Quality Incentives Program—Stream System Restoration

**Action required by:** March 22, 2013 (Emporia Field Office [FO])  
April 15, 2013

**Action required by:** April 30, 2013 (Area 3 Office)

**Action required by:** March 25, 2013 (State Office [SO])

**Purpose.** To provide guidance on the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Stream System Restoration ranking category

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2014

Based on Kansas Technical Committee (KTC) recommendations and concurrence by the state conservationist (STC), Kansas reserved 4.5 percent (\$553,538) of EQIP financial assistance (FA) funding for the new Stream System Restoration ranking category. The funding will be used to address soil erosion—streambank resource concerns in the hydrologic unit code (HUC) 12-digit (110702030404) Phenix Creek-Cottonwood River Watershed, which is located in Lyon County (see Attachment 1).

**NOTE:** Stream System Restoration funding decisions will be prepared by Area 3, only.

#### **Ranking Categories**

Ranking categories were established in Program Contracts System (ProTracts) as such:

- Stream System Restoration
- Stream System Restoration—Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BF/R)
- Stream System Restoration—Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher (LRF/R)
- Stream System Restoration—Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (SDF/R)

**NOTE:** LRF/R, BF/R, and SDF/R may apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern or the ranking category specifically for their HU group.

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The Stream System Restoration eligible practice list is located in Attachment 2.

Eligible land uses and state and local ranking questions can be found in Attachment 3.

**Program Deadlines**

The Stream System Restoration application evaluation period cutoff date is **February 15, 2013.**

All applications must be ranked and contracts uploaded to ProTracts by **March 8, 2013.**

Application evaluation peer reviews will be completed by **March 15, 2013.** This review should focus on the ranking and eligibility of the application. Additional clarification for the national questions was issued with Bulletin KS300-13-19.

The supervisory district conservationist (SDC) should announce the program using the forthcoming Kansas Stream System Restoration news release.

Applications will be ready for funding decisions by close of business, **March 22, 2013.**

Approved applications over \$150,000 will follow guidance issued in Bulletin KS300-12-11. The assistant state conservationist for field operations in Area 3 will need to submit the request by **April 8, 2013.**

Documentation will be forwarded to the Financial Management (FNM) Staff for second level review as soon as all documentation is obtained, but no later than **April 15, 2013.**

Per the Kansas Quality Assurance Plan (KQAP), a contract peer review should be completed prior to second level review. A contract peer review should focus on contract documentation.

All approved applications will be obligated by **April 30, 2013.**

**Contact:** Please forward feedback and questions through established channels to Corey L. Nelson, Resource Conservationist, at 785-823-4580 or corey.nelson@ks.usda.gov.

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Attachments