

Developing Local Leadership for Water Quality

KELP offers excellent training and material appropriate for everyone: individuals, businesses, and those involved in local government. Local government leaders may become involved individually, together as a unit, or nominate class participants by contacting the KELP program office.

Create Positive Environmental Change

KELP can HELP!

The Kansas Environmental Leadership Program is designed to help participants enhance their understanding and skills in the areas of:

- Personal and group leadership skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Community and public policy skills
- Understanding watershed resources
- Examining water sources and uses
- Identifying, understanding and controlling pollutant sources
- Addressing current and future issues
- Developing local management plans

Participating citizens and community leaders will enhance leadership skills, become better informed, formulate a vision, motivate others, encourage water quality planning, and stimulate action to protect and improve water quality in local watersheds.

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Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP)



*Environmental Leadership
is the responsibility
of all people,
working collaboratively
to bring about
positive environmental change
for our future.*

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Water is essential for life. We all need it. The average Kansas resident uses 135 gallons of water each day. Yet most people give little thought to the source of their drinking water or its protection. As our population and water use increase, Kansans place increasing pressure on water for recreation, industry, drinking, waste removal, and food and crop production.



Leadership is an influence relationship. Leadership is sharing a vision and collaborating with others to bring about needed change. In this time of increasing demand on water resources, leadership is needed in local watersheds to manage water resources and protect water quality for the future. Environmental leadership is the responsibility of all people, working to benefit each other, and the environment on which we all depend.

Environmental Leadership Training Class

The Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP) is an exciting fusion of leadership principles, activities, resource information, and experiences. Current thinking about leadership practice is combined with Kansas water resource and water quality information. The result is an experience in environmental leadership that prepares participants to become effective catalysts for water quality protection. KELP training sessions include guest speakers, case study analysis, field trips, water monitoring, and application exercises. Graduates of the program will be equipped with skills and tools to produce positive change for water quality and the environment.

Environmental Leadership Training consists of five, three-day workshops. The five workshops are held in locations across Kansas. Training topics include:

- Understanding the Hydrologic Cycle
- Examining Kansas Water Resources
- Concepts in Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment
- Point and Nonpoint Pollution Sources
- Conflict Resolution
- Public Issues Education
- Facilitation and Mediation Skills
- Developing Water Protection Plans
- Persuasive Communication
- Community Involvement
- Personal Leadership Profiles
- Motivating Others to Action

Providing Leadership for Water Resource Protection

The Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP) is empowering citizens to practice effective leadership for the protection of water quality, and to address environmental issues in their communities.

KELP training provides resource materials and an educational process that enables individuals to learn and apply leadership skills to effectively address environmental issues. Individuals trained in the program will be able to assess conditions within their watershed and guide protective planning for the local community and larger watershed.

*We must be the change
we wish to see in the
world.*

—Ghandi

Water Quality is Everybody's Business

The quality of the ground and surface water available for drinking, recreational, industrial, and municipal use is important for all of us. Every Kansan has an investment in water resources. Each community needs individuals who are willing to initiate discussions and actions needed to address the issues surrounding water quality.

You can make a difference that will be appreciated by others and future generations. Choose to be a local leader for water and environmental quality. Contact the K-State KELP office for further information.