



Kansas Water Quality Celebration

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) celebrated the success of two Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) projects on September 14 at:

- Banner Creek Reservoir, Holton
- Clarks Creek, Herington

Under the leadership of local organizations, the projects restored water quality in water bodies that were

previously impaired due to excessive amounts of pollutants entering the water bodies from the surrounding watershed. Multiple partners and funding sources were utilized to achieve these accomplishments.

In 2005, a special WRAPS Fund was established with an approximately \$2 million made available annually through KDHE from EPA Clean Water Act Section 319 grant funds and State Water Plan Funds. Other local, state and federal resources are also used to support various components of a WRAPS, particularly implementation projects.

“The Clarks Creek and Banner Creek WRAPS projects demonstrate the kind of success that can be achieved in addressing nonpoint sources of pollution through a locally-driven, watershed oriented approach,” said Kerry Wedel, KDHE Watershed Management Chief. “Local leadership is the key in bringing together multiple partners to assist landowners in implementing best management practices that reduce and control the amount of pollution entering our lakes and streams.”

There are currently more than 35 active WRAPS projects taking place in Kansas. For more information about Kansas WRAPS or for a list of projects in your area go to: www.kswraps.org or call 785-296-4195.

