

A stylized illustration of a plant with several long, thin stems and feathery, fern-like leaves, rendered in a light green color. The plant is positioned above a wavy line that suggests a horizon or ground level.

The Westar Energy logo, which consists of a blue five-pointed star with a horizontal line extending from its base to the right.

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GREEN TEAM

Westar Energy Green Team

An employee-led group volunteering to do projects benefiting Kansas' environment

- Formed in 1989
- Core of 40-50 employees distributed across our service territory, ranging from director to meter reader levels
- Annually involve 250-600 employees and their family members on workdays
- Partner with all of Kansas' conservation and environmental education agencies and groups along with schools, scouts, 4-H, etc.



Areas of Focus

- Wildlife Habitat Improvement
- Helping Sensitive Plants and Animal Species
- Enhancing Environmental Education
- Encouraging Recycling and Energy Conservation
- Wind Turbines for Schools



Wildlife Habitat Improvement

- Planting Trees (40,000+)
- Cutting Trees
- Wetland Creation & Restoration
- Planting Native Prairie Grasses & Forbs
- Installing Bluebird, Kestrel & Wood Duck Nest Boxes, Ferruginous Hawk, Barn Owl, Peregrine Falcon Nest Platforms & Bat Roost Boxes
- Stream Clean-Ups
- Planting Food Plots



Green Team Partners

- **State & Federal** - U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Kansas Dept. Wildlife & Parks, Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment, Kansas Water Office, Kansas Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Army Corps of Engineers
- **Conservation Organizations** - The Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Kaw, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation, Kansas Wetland and Riparian Alliance
- **Education** - Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Emporia State University, Pittsburg State University, Ft. Hays University, high schools, elementary schools, magnet schools, Schemerhorn Nature Center
- **Rehabilitators** – Eagle Valley Raptor Center, Nature Reach, Stone Nature Center, Operation Wildlife, Milford Nature Center, Sabetha Nature Center, Hill City Rehabilitation
- **Private Businesses**
- **Green Team works with State, Federal, County and Cities**





Topeka Water Festival, Topeka, KS



Twin Lakes Water Festival, Council Grove, KS



Ell-Saline Wind Turbine, Brookville, KS



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Ell-Saline School, Brookville, KS



Ell-Saline Greenhouse, Brookville, KS



Tree Planting – Eisenhower Elementary, Leavenworth



Pleasant Valley School Tree Planting, Wichita



Pleasant Valley School Raised Garden, Kansas



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LeCompton Grade School Outdoor Classroom



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Installing Bluebird Boxes – Altamont School, SE Kansas

Thank you!

