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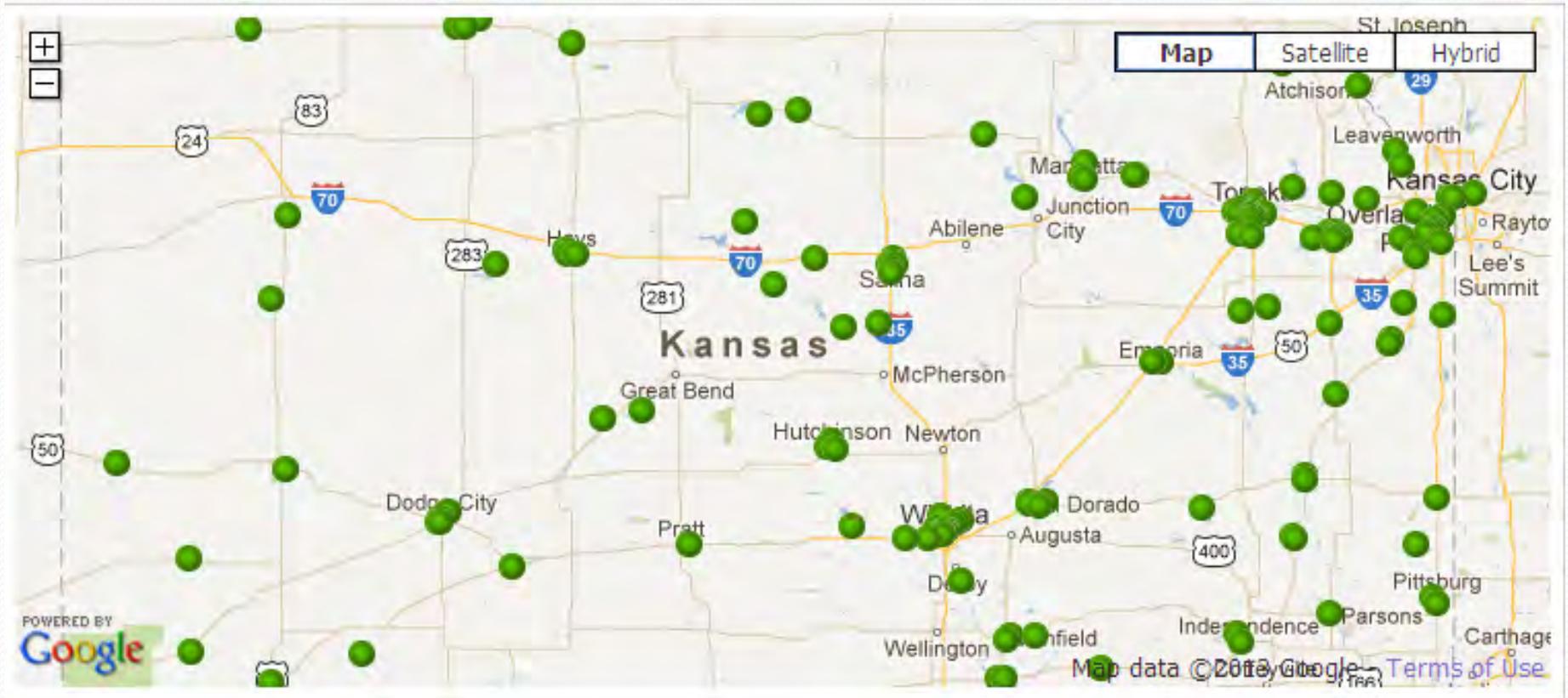
**Don't wait.  
Start Today.**

The Green Team program was created as a way for people to make a difference by implementing environmentally responsible practices at work and at school.

We provide guidelines, ideas, information, and tools to help you waste less, recycle more, and make responsible purchasing choices.

[www.kansasgreenteams.org](http://www.kansasgreenteams.org)

# Map of Green Teams



# Overview

- 200 Green Teams
  - Businesses
  - Cities & Counties
  - State Offices
- Registered on [KansasGreenTeams.org](http://KansasGreenTeams.org)
  - Kansas Green Guide
  - Webinar opportunities
  - Resources on website
  - Web news updates

# Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle

The easiest, most direct way for you to make a difference is to watch what you buy and throw away. By following these basic principles:

- **Reduce the amount and toxicity of trash you discard. Consider the packaging before making a purchase.**
- **Reuse containers and products; repair what is broken; and give unneeded items to those who can use them.**
- **Recycle as much as possible and buy products with recycled content.**



# Geary County Recycling Center

## Location

310 E 8th St  
Junction City, KS 66441

[Get Driving Directions](#)

## Phone Number:

(785) 238-4600

## Hours of Operation:

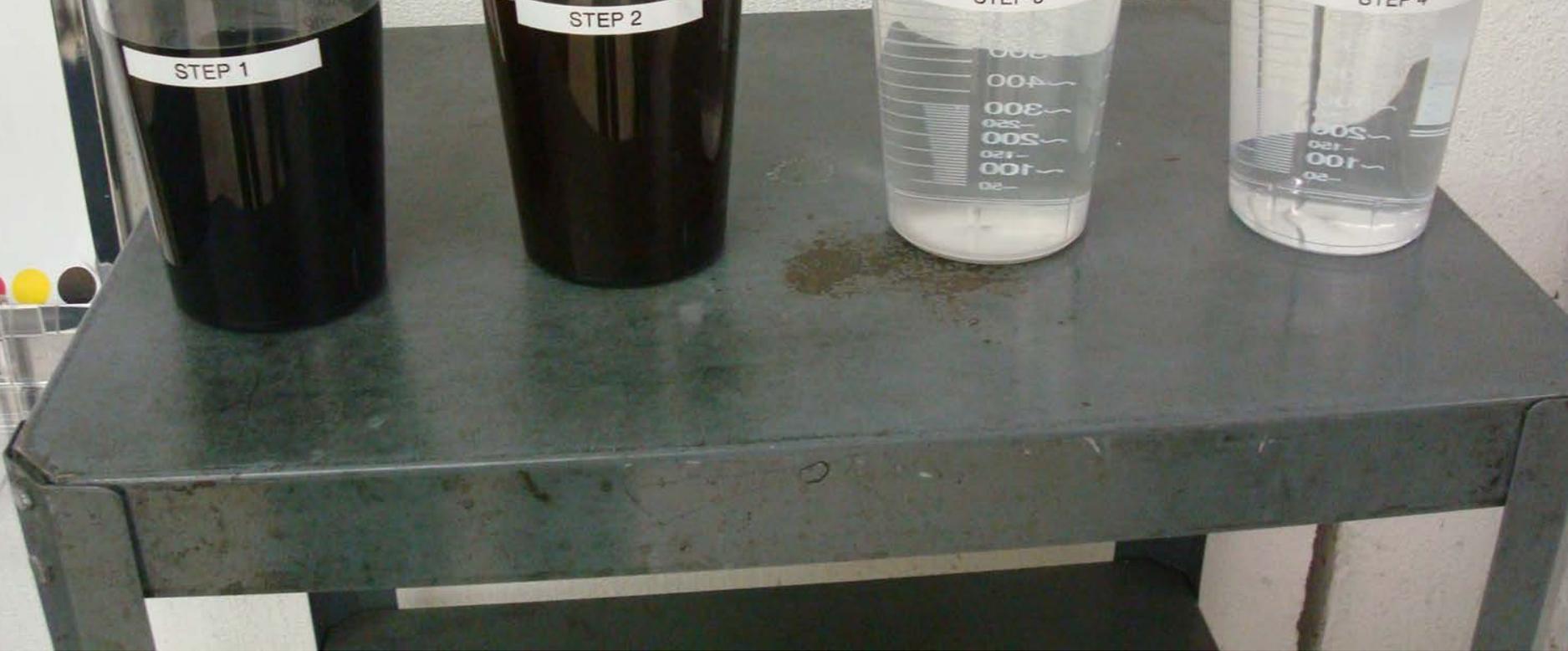
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## Materials Accepted

- Automotive Batteries
- Motor Oil
- Oil Filters
- Other Large Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard
- Circuit Boards / Parts
- Computer Monitors



**Website:**  
<http://www.geary.kansasgov.com>











Save on Gas



Consider Carpooling

Easier to find a parking spot

Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Arrive

Less traffic, fewer accidents

Arrive relaxed

Share the ride with Friends

Catch up on work



Less Stress

Sign...





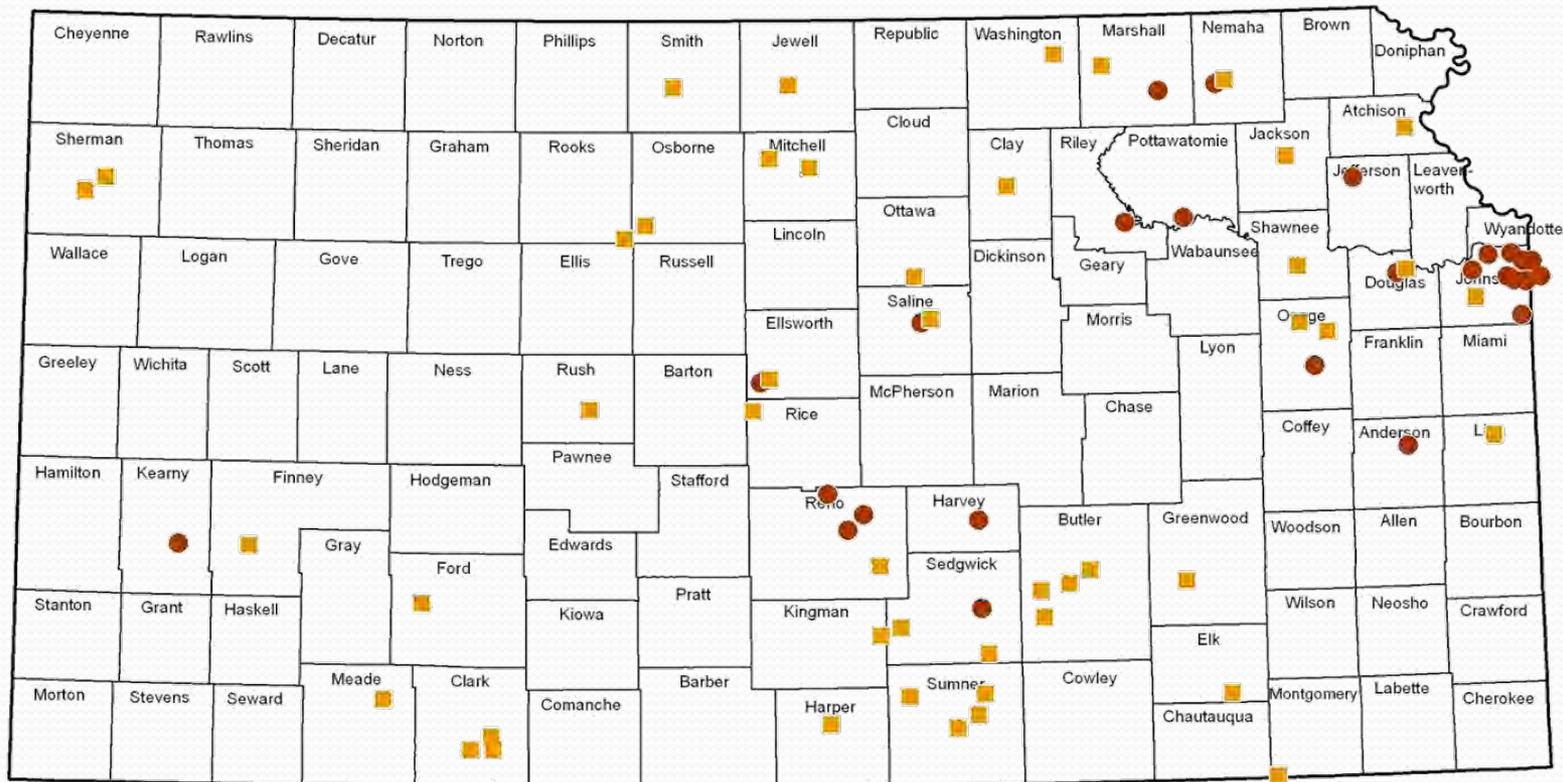


# Waste Tire Grants

- 2013 Round was cancelled
- 2012 Round
  - 43 grantees
  - 47 grants
  - \$350,000 in grant funds



# 2012 Grantee Map



● Green School Grants  
26 totaling \$79,362

■ Waste Tire Recycling Grants  
47 totaling \$376,021







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Materials made from  
recycled tires.  
Project funded in part by a  
Waste Tire Management Grant  
from the  
Kansas Department of  
Health and Environment



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Materials made from  
recycled flax.  
Project funded in part by a  
Waste Fee Management Grant  
from the  
Kansas Department of  
Health and Environment











# Other outreach projects



# Kansas Green Guide

## Kansas Green Teams

Kansas Green Guide – Your Bi-Weekly Guide to Sustainable Living

Green Spring Cleaning

March 15, 2013

After a long winter, it's time for spring-cleaning. Unfortunately, many home cleaning products are loaded with strong, artificial colors and fragrances and harsh cleaning agents like bleach, ammonia and acids. These chemicals can produce indoor air pollution by off-gassing toxic fumes that can irritate eyes and lungs, especially in children and pets. Commercial cleaners also cost a lot but even the toughest messes and toughest stains can be attacked effectively with baking soda, borax, lemon juice and other simple ingredients.

**Porcelain and Tile** – Keep your bathrooms and kitchen tile spotless and hygienic with these natural cleansers:

- **Baking Soda and Water** – Dust surfaces with baking soda, then scrub with a moist sponge or cloth. If you have tougher grime, sprinkle on some kosher salt, and work up some elbow grease.
- **Lemon Juice or Vinegar** – Got stains, mildew or grease streaks? Spray or douse with lemon juice or vinegar, let sit a few minutes, then scrub with a stiff brush.
- **Disinfectant** – Instead of bleach, make your own disinfectant by mixing 2 cups of water, 3 tablespoons of liquid soap and 20 to 30 drops of tea tree oil. It's easy!



**Kitchen Counters** – The room where food is prepared, stored and often enjoyed requires constant vigilance. Give these recipes a try for a bacteria-free kitchen.

- **Baking Soda and Water** – Reclaim counters by sprinkling with baking soda, then scrubbing with a damp cloth or sponge. If you have stains, blend the baking soda and water into a paste and let set for a while before you remove. This method also works great for stainless steel sinks, cutting boards, ovens, refrigerators, oven tops and more.
- **Kosher Salt and Water** – If you need a tougher abrasive, sprinkle on kosher salt, and scrub with a wet cloth or sponge.
- **Natural Disinfectant** – To knock out germs without strong products, mix 2 cups of water, 3 tablespoons of liquid soap and 20 to 30 drops of tea tree oil. Spray or rub on countertops and other kitchen surfaces.

**Windows and Mirrors** – Instead of those harsh-smelling sprays, try this highly effective, simple solution for windows and mirrors:

- **White Vinegar, Water and Newspaper** – Mix 2 tablespoons of white vinegar with a gallon of water, and dispense into a mist spray bottle. Squeeze on, and then scrub with newspaper, not paper towels, which cause streaking. If you're out of vinegar or don't like its smell, you can substitute undiluted lemon juice or club soda.

**Carpet and Rugs** – Keeping carpets clean is less daunting than you might think, even after a season of tracked-in dirt and salt.

- **Beat Those Rugs!** – Take any removable rugs outside and beat the dirt and hair out with a broom.
- **Club Soda** – You've probably heard the old adage that club soda works well on carpet stains. But you have to attack the mess right away. Lift off any solids, and then liberally pour on club soda. Bka with an old rag. The soda's carbonation lifts the spill to the surface, and the salts in the soda throw it away.
- **Comet** – For big spills, dump comet on the mess, wait 2 to 3 minutes, and vacuum up the junk.
- **Spot Cleaner** – Make your own by mixing 1/4 cup liquid soap or detergent in a blender, with 1/3 cup water. Mix until foamy. Spray on, then rinse with vinegar.
- **Deodorizer** – Sprinkle baking soda or cornstarch on the carpet or rug, using about 1 cup per medium-sized room. Vacuum after 20 minutes.

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Sources: The Daily Green



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eRecyclingCorps Achieves Record 10 Million Trade-Ins

March 5, 2013

eRecyclingCorps (eRC), the world's leading provider of operator-grade wireless device trade-in solutions, has completed 10 million wireless device trade-ins since its inception in 2009. eRC nearly tripled its collection volumes over the past year, completing more than seven million wireless device trade-ins in 2012 alone. Together with its partners, including leading operators and retailers throughout Europe and North America, last year eRC processed device trade-ins at a rate of almost 20,000 per day, representing 2,255 tons of e-waste diverted from landfills.

Each mobile device trade-in represents an opportunity to recapture precious and rare materials by extending the lifespan of wireless devices rather than creating new phones as well as the diversion of e-waste from landfill and water resources.



"This major milestone demonstrates that operators are quickly learning about the tremendous power of eRecyclingCorps' in-store trade-in program to offset surging device subsidy costs, improve customer satisfaction and meet sustainability goals," said David Edmondson, CEO of eRC.

The 10 million devices collected via eRC's in-store operator and retail programs are repaired to "like new" quality to meet strict standards for functionality. Devices are resold to consumers in developed and emerging markets, where they offer consumers access to high quality mobile technology at lower costs, helping to bridge the digital divide.

eRC currently operates in 10 countries and partners with five of the seven leading carriers in North America and more than 10,000 retailer locations worldwide. The company launched its first in-store operator program in 2009 with Sprint, whose Buyback program today boasts an impressive trade-in rate of more than 40 percent and has helped avoid more than \$1 billion in costs.

"In-store device trade-ins have become an integrated part of our sales process," said Fared Adib, Senior Vice President of Product Development and Reverse Logistics at Sprint. "Buyback is a huge benefit for our customers and for Sprint. It's been good for our business and mitigates our impact on the environment by keeping old phones active and diverted from landfills."

"As device lifecycles shrink and the quantity of retired wireless devices increases, the device trade-in market is primed for rapid expansion," said Weston Henderek, Principal Analyst covering wireless services for the market research firm Current Analysis. "The increase in the number of device trade-in options and their convenience at the point of sale will also encourage consumers to trade in their devices more frequently."

For cell phone recycling options in Kansas, please visit [Kansas.Recycle](http://Kansas.Recycle). You can search by zip code and item you are seeking to recycle. Major retailers such as Best, Buy, Office Depot, Home Depot, Lowes and cell phone companies all have programs available.

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# KansasGreenTeams.org Photo Contest

**Overall Winner**



Lesley Ostmeyer, Topeka

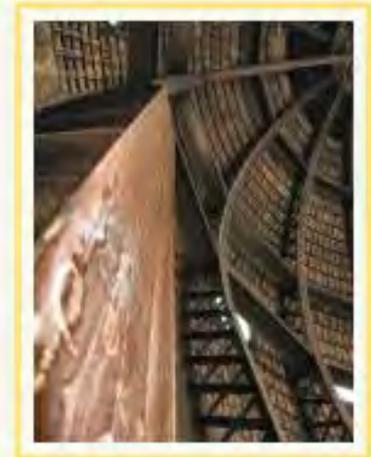
## Buildings & Monuments



First Place - Elisabeth Apel ,Topeka



Second Place - James Dodge, Denton



Third Place - Brandy DeArmond, Quenemo

## Landscape



First Place - Steve Tanquary, Olathe



Second Place - Paul Zamarripa, Great Bend



Third Place - Sheila Engel, Norton

## Recreation



First Place - Leo Schlife, Lawrence



Second Place - Robb Heinz, Atchison

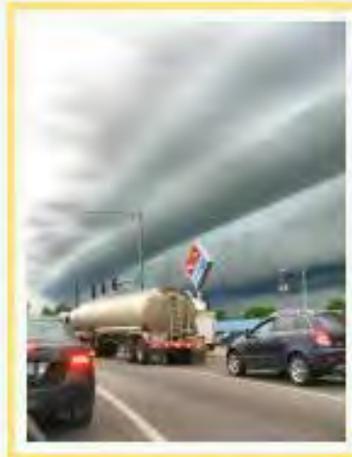


Third Place - Victor Lyczak, Russell

# Weather



First Place - Steve Tanquary, Olathe



Second Place - Brandy DeArmond,  
Quenemo



Third Place - Greg Hoglund, Topeka

## Wildlife



First Place - Michelle Hammer-Whitehead,  
Satanta



Second Place - Amy Robinson, Topeka



Third Place - Kathy Cornett, Severy

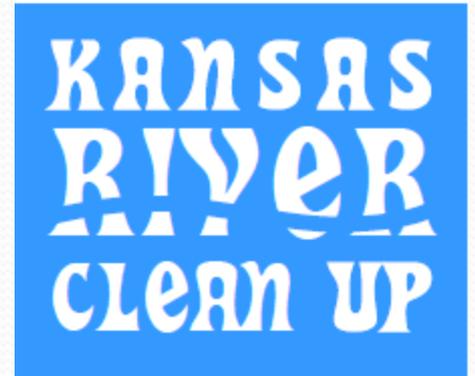
# Poster Displays



# Upcoming Projects



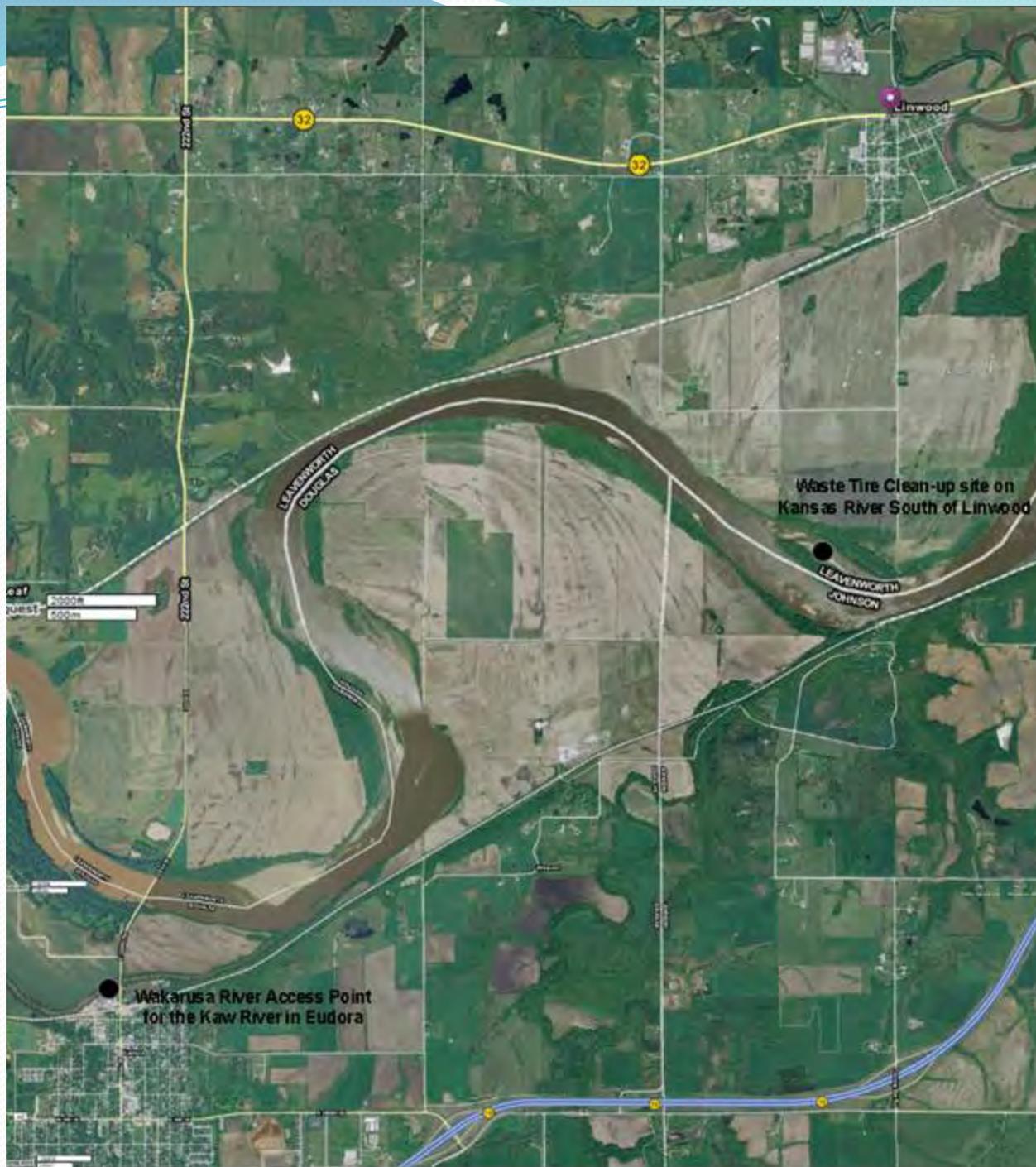
# Kansas River Clean Up



- In celebration of Earth Day!
- Saturday, April 20
- Eudora River Access Point
- Media & Government Officials invited
- Free T-Shirt & Lunch provided
- For more information, find one of us afterwards







# “State Certified” Green Team

- Self-measurement tool
- Rate on different categories of sustainability
- Points assigned for levels achieved
- Green Teams will become “state certified”
- Can use custom logo & will be given some recognition
- Will be in place by July 1



# Recycling Guide

- Online tool for recycling information
- Kris Hicks has begun updating the information
- I will format the information so that it is accessible to the public
- The guide will consist of longer format “guides” and shorter format “keys”
- We welcome any recommendations for how this tool might be useful to you



**Our Vision:**

Healthy Kansans living in safe and sustainable environments.

**Our Mission:**

To protect and improve the health and environment of all Kansans.