

The logo for Banner Creek Reservoir features the text "Banner Creek Reservoir" in a white serif font, centered within a dark blue circle. This circle is surrounded by several overlapping, lighter blue circles of varying sizes, creating a layered, water-like effect. A dark blue horizontal bar is positioned at the top left of the page, with a thin line extending from it towards the main logo circle.

Banner Creek Reservoir

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To Whom It May Concern:


I would like to provide this letter as a sign of full support for the new proposed greenhouse structure at Perry Reservoir. This project will be of great benefit to our reservoir and to others throughout Northeast Kansas.

The lack of natural vegetation throughout our lake is a concerning factor to me and our patrons that fish here. Natural channels are slowly filling in with sedimentation and that is drastically affecting key fishing areas.

Our lake is a very popular place to come and fish, and we are very proud of that. I know this project is vital to keep our ecosystem healthy and flourishing for years to come. I would like to add that I am willing to help in any way that I can to make sure this project is completed.

Warm regards,

Kurt Zibell
Lake Director

In the bottom right corner of the page, there is a decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping circles in various shades of blue, similar to the logo at the top of the page.

Gary Keehn
12692 266th Rd
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Doug Nygren
Coordinator
Friends of Reservoirs

Dear Mr. Nygren and Friends of Reservoirs:

Jackson Heights High School is writing to support the grant of application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

Jackson Heights High School Wildlife Mgt. and Chemistry classes have studied Banner Creek Reservoir for over 25 years now. Over the years we have seen a decrease in shoreline vegetation that has affected the increase in turbidity, shoreline erosion increasing, and the degradation of important shoreline habitats for the aquatic organism and fish. We have tested the water quality and fisheries and all of this has tied into the degradation of the ability of the Banner Creek to be able to handle a good ecosystem balance. We have seen it in other state and private lakes and ponds as well. This project will help in growing the vegetation needed to reestablish the habitat needs in these aquatic systems.

If you will chose to fund this project it would allow for my students to be able to partner and volunteer with the other professionals that will work on this project. This will give our students the opportunity to give something back and learn the valuable lessons in restoring aquatic habitats in these water systems and to be able to work side by side with these professionals and your organization.

We hope you see that Jackson Heights High School Wildlife mgt. classes fully support this grant and projects we can assist in and benefit in the outcomes.

Thanks for considering this grant and I hope you see past the initial ways it can help, but in the long term life lessons that can be learned as well as the habitat improvements and water quality.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Keehn, Environmental Educator Jackson Height High School

Grant application support

Ned Khde <nkehde@gmail.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 12:39 PM

To: Kramer, Nick [KDWP] <Nick.Kramer@KS.GOV>

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Dear Mr. Kramer:

Thanks for your Jan. 31 email that enlightened us about The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' grant application to the [Friends of Reservoirs](#) and the [Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership](#) to construct a greenhouse structure at Perry Reservoir for the propagation, rearing, and eventual transplant of native aquatic vegetation throughout northeastern Kansas.

It was enthralling to read the details about this much-needed and noble endeavor.

Pat Kehde and I support every aspect of this project, and we will encourage our fishing colleagues to support it, too.

During the past 40 years, we have crossed paths with numerous anglers in northeastern Kansas who have been yearning for our reservoir managers and fisheries biologists to cultivate and manually maintain patches of aquatic vegetation in our community, federal, and state reservoirs.

Also, it is important in our eyes to cultivate off-shore submerged vegetation that remains viable in the winter, thus providing habitats for the largemouth bass populations that abide in these reservoirs.

We are looking forward to helping you and your colleagues to acquire and implement this important grant.

Sincerely,

Ned and Pat Kehde

785-841-8296

February 5, 2023

Doug Nygren
Coordinator
Friends of Reservoirs

Dear Mr. Nygren and Friends of Reservoirs:

Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation is writing in support of the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas. Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation is an organization of over 400 members state wide that is committed to providing support to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks efforts. We are a group of anglers who use our fellowship to improve our fishing knowledge, promote and provide youth fishing opportunities, and bring an awareness of bass fishing as a sport for all ages. Protecting and restoring habitat in our lakes is very important to our organization.

Native aquatic vegetation has the potential to provide numerous benefits to Kansas' waters:

- The sediment stability brought on by increased desirable aquatic vegetation will ensure the longevity of our Kansas impoundments by slowing lakeshore and shallow area erosion.
- The uptake of nutrients by aquatic plants will limit the unsightly, difficult to fish, and potentially hazardous algal blooms (both filamentous green algae and blue-green cyanobacteria).
- Establishment of native aquatic vegetation prevents the spread and colonization of less desirable, non-native plants.
- Most native aquatic plants are more easily fishable than the dense pockets of non-native plants.
- The increased vegetation brought on by this project will provide a plethora of nursery habitat for larval and juvenile fish to utilize during early growth stages.
- This habitat will also be beneficial for aquatic insects which in turn will provide prey to intermediate and adult life stages of fish.

Kansas B.A.S.S. nation agrees with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks assessments of the benefit to Kansas waters. Many of the lakes fished by Kansas B.A.S.S. nation members lack cover due to the age of the reservoirs. In reservoirs that have had a recent influx of water to flood shoreline vegetation or have an established vegetation presence, the water quality and number of fish of all species flourish.

Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation is prepared to offer assistance to this project in the form of volunteer labor, donated materials and equipment, and expertise on technical matters. We recommend the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas be approved without reservation.

Yours sincerely,

Clayton Rudman
Kansas B.A.S.S Nation Conservation Director
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Ellis, KS 67637

Bob Marsh
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823 Massachusetts
Lawrence, KS 66044

February 10, 2023

Doug Nygren
Coordinator
Friends of Reservoirs

Dear Mr. Nygren and Friends of Reservoirs:

I am writing in support of the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

I have been fishing Northeast Kansas lakes for six decades, in particular Lone Star Lake, and have seen first-hand the variation in aquatic vegetation and the corresponding impact on fish populations.

Improved native aquatic vegetation has the potential to provide numerous benefits to Kansas' waters:

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I fully support the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

We recently opened a fishing and coffee shop in Lawrence Kansas and we are prepared to assist in recruiting volunteers and seeking contributions from our customers for this project.

Sincerely,

Bob Marsh

Blake Hughey, VP of Olathe Bass Club
120 Twin Cedar St
Tonganoxie, KS 66086
February 13, 2023

Doug Nygren
Coordinator
Friends of Reservoirs

Dear Mr. Nygren and Friends of Reservoirs:

Olathe Bass Club is writing in support of the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

Olathe Bass Club, established in 1978, is a local B.A.S.S. affiliate club with over 35 members located in Olathe, KS. While our focus is on competitive bass fishing, we also care about camaraderie and giving back to the fishing community. Improving the environment is one way that we can ensure the best for the sport of bass fishing, the waters we fish, and the surrounding communities.

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Noting the reasons outlined above, Olathe Bass Club fully supports the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

Additionally, our organization is prepared to offer assistance to this project in the form of volunteer labor, donated materials and equipment, or expertise on technical matters. The exact quantities of these donations are not known at this time.

Yours sincerely,



Blake Hughey
Vice President, Olathe Bass Club

"Nick,

Wanted to send a letter of support for your grant proposal. Our NEKS reservoirs are sorely lacking in vegetation. I used to fish Banner Creek when aquatic vegetation was plentiful. Bass fishing used to be really good, but it seems to have declined quite a bit since the vegetation disappeared.

I would be willing to donate labor and possibly materials, and would help recruit some other local anglers who would help as well.

Sincerely,

Casey Kidder

topeka, KS"

sent via email February 14, 2023 by Casey Kidder ckidder67@gmail.com

Aquatic Vegetation Project

jim farrow <jimfarrow1029@gmail.com>

Wed 2/1/2023 9:36 AM

To: Kramer, Nick [KDWP] <Nick.Kramer@KS.GOV>

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Nick:

I received an email from Ned Kehde regarding your efforts to seek a grant to construct a greenhouse structure for the purpose of rearing and eventual transplant of native aquatic vegetation at various impoundments in NE Kansas. I wanted to voice my profound support for what you are doing.

Having been a member of the Finesse News Network family and an avid bass fisherman for years, I know Ned has espoused the benefits of aquatic vegetation in our waterways when it comes to bass fishing. I couldn't agree with him more.

In your email to Ned you requested assistance in the form of monetary donations and/or volunteer labor to help with this project. I would willing to help with either. As a reasonably healthy 73 yr. old, I am capable of doing some physical labor.

I'm sure in future emails, Ned will detail how members can help. I'll look forward to assisting in anyway I can.

Jim Farrow
Olathe KS
816-223-2438

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Paul Finn
15571 S. Apache St
Olathe, KS 66062
February 7, 2023

Doug Nygren
Coordinator
Friends of Reservoirs

Dear Mr. Nygren and Friends of Reservoirs:

I am writing in support of the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

As a diehard Kansas bass fisherman for the last 35 plus years I have fished a majority of the lakes in Kansas. I have been fishing Lonestar Lake since the late 1980's as well as Miami County, Olathe Lake, Atchison County Lake, Leavenworth County, Shawnee Mission Park, Osage State Lake, Louisburg Middle Creek Lake and Gardner Lake. In the last 3 years I have noticed a drastic decline in the aquatic vegetation in Gardner as well as Lonestar Lake. The fishing at Lonestar has significantly declined as well as the water clarity and quality of the water. When I fish Shawnee Mission Park and Lake Olathe which have substantially better aquatic vegetation the fishing is drastically better.

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Noting the reasons outlined above, I fully support the grant application submitted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to construct a greenhouse for the purpose of propagating, rearing, and transplanting aquatic plants throughout Northeast Kansas.

I am prepared to offer time, materials or anything else that may help the quality of our local lakes. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at 913-634-7490.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Finn