

To whom it may concern,

Leavenworth State Fishing Lake, located outside of Tonganoxie, Kansas, is a 180-acre man-made impoundment that receives high usage from the surrounding communities as well as residents of Lawrence and the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. The impoundment is home to several fish species popular among anglers: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Black and White Crappie, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Channel Catfish.

One of the appeals of this impoundment is its natural beauty. Sitting in Leavenworth County, this impoundment is formed in the valley of glacial hills that remain covered in deciduous forests, a rare Kansas combination. With beauty there comes a price, less than one quarter of the shoreline is accessible to shoreline anglers and the fish know it. Previous renovations have focused on improving shoreline angling in existing areas by creating fishing jetties and placing cedar trees in accessible locations. However, these natural brush piles break down over time and without being supplemented, disappear.

The hopeful considerations of Rural Leavenworth, Inc. to install Mossback artificial habitat products will not only provide habitat and angling opportunities to present anglers but these artificial products will remain for multiple generations of both fish and anglers alike. This grant application will not interfere with but bolster and enhance habitat supplementation already occurring on Leavenworth State Fishing Lake.

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