



# Cheney Lake Watershed

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*Citizens Working for Clean Water*

Practices that help protect water quality:

- ◆ Alternative watering systems
- ◆ Livestock waste management
- ◆ Nutrient and pesticide management
- ◆ Reduced tillage systems
- ◆ Rotational grazing
- ◆ Cover crops
- ◆ Extended grazing season practices
- ◆ Crop rotations
- ◆ Grassed waterways and terraces
- ◆ Conversion of crop ground to forages
- ◆ Filter areas
- ◆ Wetland development and restoration
- ◆ Other ideas that you have to protect our water resources

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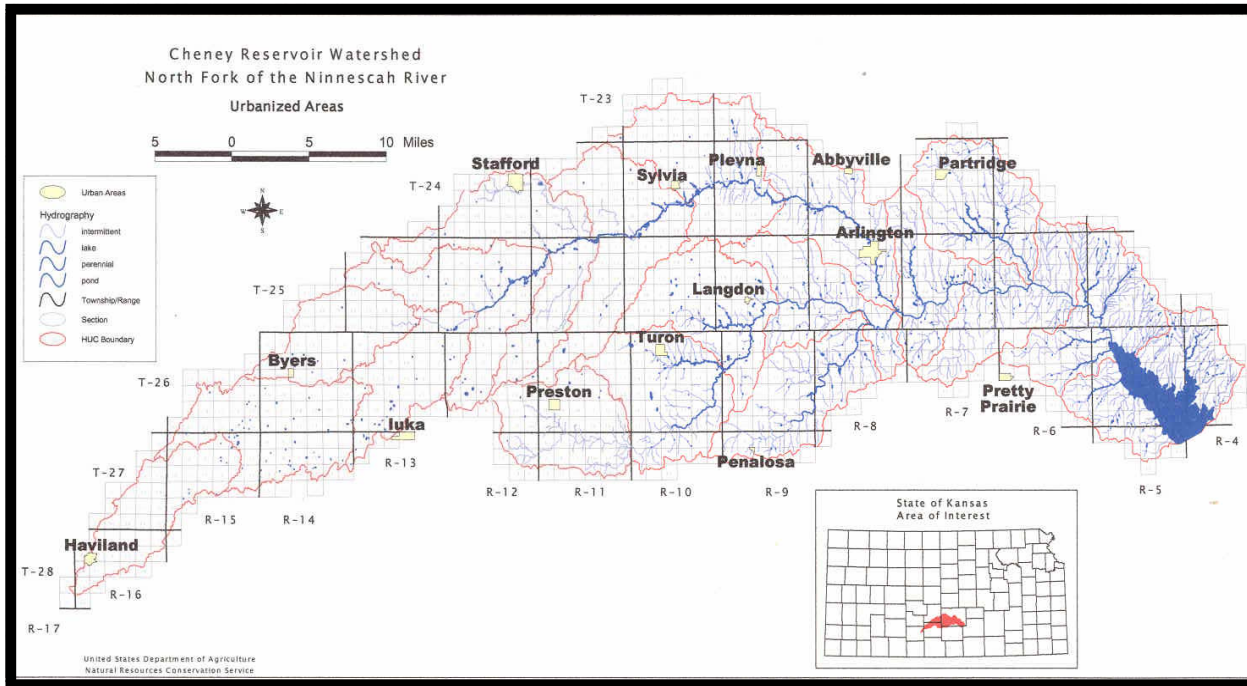
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## *You Make the Difference*

The key component in this project is you – your knowledge, your experience, and your ability to adapt to change. You make the decisions, do the planning, set the goals—and thus control both the short and long-term productivity of the land and the watershed.

Best of all, you don't have to do everything on your own. Technical assistance and funding is available through our project office. We help match you up with various state and federal cost share programs including direct financial assistance from the City of Wichita. Through the Citizen's Management Committee, we offer educational programs and demonstration projects as you consider changes in your farming operation.

Call us with your ideas for water quality protection on your farm or ranch.



- The Cheney Lake Watershed covers more than 600,000 acres primarily in four counties – Reno, Kingman, Pratt, and Stafford. It includes all the land that drains into the North Fork of the Ninnescah River and ultimately into Cheney Reservoir.
- The Watershed includes several small towns but 99% of the land is used for agricultural purposes.
- Cheney Reservoir is an important source of drinking water and recreation for the City of Wichita and surrounding communities. Over 70% of Wichita's water is taken from the reservoir.
- Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc. is an organization formed to improve water quality by working with watershed farmers. The Citizen's Management Committee is made up of farmers and watershed residents.
- The Cheney Lake Watershed Citizen's Management Committee has set goals to reduce nutrients and sediment that reach the lake from agricultural sources.
- The City of Wichita has committed funding to help farmers reach our watershed goals.

