



Water Quality Improvement through Community-Campus Partnerships

WaterLINK Proposal to Watersheds

Background – Purpose of WaterLINK

WaterLINK is a service-learning project available to college and university faculty and community watersheds in Kansas. WaterLINK aims to provide technical services to local watershed protection efforts through service-learning. Through this project, we engage communities and college campuses as partners in water quality restoration and protection and implement specific projects for the watershed. A key component in service-learning is the drive to mutually benefit both the community and the student. The community benefits from access to university resources and services meeting community-identified needs.

Past projects have responded to community needs and have included:

- conducting water quality assessment and bathymetric surveys,
- developing pollution prevention strategies,
- generating public relations campaigns,
- conducting field workshops and constructing bioretention cells
- and other projects (see our Web site).

Grants are available to enhance class instruction and cover material/travel costs. Training and support on service-learning, curriculum modification and watershed management is also available. Collaborative projects are encouraged.

How WaterLINK Works

WaterLINK provides watersheds with the expertise of faculty and students while also supporting and facilitating cooperation within the community. Service-learning allows students to make practical contributions to society while learning about the importance of water quality and sustainability. The faculty partner works with community members to generate ideas based on the needs of the community and request funding for their water quality projects.

In Your Watershed

This program aligns with the goals of your watershed, and can provide solutions to the water quality goals of your organization.

Watershed Goal

WaterLINK Program Opportunity

Protect and Restore Water Quality

- Public awareness campaign development
- Water quality assessment and monitoring
- Bathymetric surveys
- Pollution prevention strategies

Extend life of Reservoirs

- Erosion prevention strategies and implementation

Protect Productivity of Agricultural Lands

- Nutrient management plans
- Implementation of BMPs in watershed
- Producer education plans

WaterLINK Proposal/ Request to Watersheds:

The proposed funding would support service-learning projects that focus on the specific needs and recommendations of the watershed.

- \$10,000 / Service-learning Project

For CY 2008, we propose one project to be funded.

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