

## Stop the Attack on Kansas' Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for 1 in every 2 Kansans. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including 1.5 million Kansans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 57% of Kansas' streams and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

### Milford Lake near Junction City, KS



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- **51% of Kansans – 1 out of 2 residents** – get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **5,351 miles of streams** that feed into Kansas' drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 68% of the stream miles in KS' Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

## Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Kansas' vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, nearly \$1.0 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Kansas, including \$210 million on fishing, and more than 1.1 million people participated in these recreational activities in Kansas.
- **Kansas' thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Kansas breweries contribute almost \$260 million to our economy every year and support more than 2,700 jobs.

## Kansas Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 3,500 Kansans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Groups like Sierra Club Kansas, Kansas BASS Nation, and Kansas Wildlife Federation support protections for clean water.
- In 2003, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks submitted comments opposing Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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