

Delaware River Watershed Tour
September 10, 2009
Brown, Jackson and Nemaha Counties

Agenda

8:00 am – Registration opens

Coffee and donuts provided

8:30 am – Opening Remarks and Welcome

- *Roy Hallauer, Jackson County Board of Commissioners*
- *Greg Foley, Kansas State Conservation Commission*
- Banner Creek Lake – A Local Success Story
 - *Tom Stiles, Watershed Planning Section, KDHE*
- Traveling through the Watershed – The Road Ahead
 - *Marlene Bosworth, Delaware River WRAPS*

9:00 am – Depart for Stop #1

9:30 am – Arrive Stop #1, the Claude Rieschick farm

- Filter Strips – Providing Profitability and Protecting Water Quality
- Incidental Grazing of CRP Buffer Strips Research
 - *Leroy Rieschick, Landowner*
 - *Melvin Steinlage, Nemaha Co. Cons. District Buffer Coordinator*
 - *Carol Blocksome, Kansas State University*

10:15 am – Depart for Stop #2

10:30 am – Arrive at Stop #2, the Leroy and Cory Bloom farm

- Geotextile Fabric and Other Livestock Feeding Operation Improvements – Reducing mud, improving manure handling, protecting water resources while increasing livestock gains
 - *Cory and Leroy Bloom, Landowners*
 - *Jody Holthaus, Meadowlark Extension District*

11:00 am – Depart for Stop #3

11:30 am – Arrive at Stop #3, the Steve Aberle farm

- Covering all the Bases w/ Cover Crops – Better Soil Structure and Fertility, Water Quality Protection
 - *Steve Aberle, Landowner*
 - *Ed Reznicek, Kansas Rural Center*
 - *Dave Hallauer, Meadowlark Extension District (invited)*

12:00 noon – Depart for lunch location

12:15 pm – Lunch at the Fairview Community Center, Fairview, KS

- Comments from local legislators
 - *Steve Lukert, Representative 62nd District*

1:15 pm – Depart for Stop #4

1:30 pm – Arrive at Stop #4, the David Zeit farm

- Livestock Feedlot Changes and Sheltering to Increase Productivity and Protect Water Quality
 - *David Zeit, Landowner*
 - *Ed Reznicek, Kansas Rural Center*

2:00 pm – Depart for Stop #5

2:20 pm – Arrive at Stop #5, Mission Lake Dredging Project, Horton, Kansas

- Dredging Mission Lake to Restore City Water Supply
 - *Tim Lentz, Mayor and Jim Whisenant, City Manager, City of Horton*
- State-Local Partnership – How to Accomplish a \$6 Million Project
 - *Susan Metzger, Kansas Water Office*

3:15 pm – Depart for Banner Creek Lake

Route will take in views of cover crop demonstrations, streambank stabilization projects, and other practices along the way (as time allows)

4:00 pm – Arrival at Banner Creek Lake, wrap-up and head for home

Thank you for spending your day with us!

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Delaware River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS)
Jackson County Conservation District
Kansas Rural Center
Meadowlark Extension District

Cooperating Organizations:

Brown County Conservation District
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Jackson County Board of Commissioners
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Nemaha County Conservation District
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