

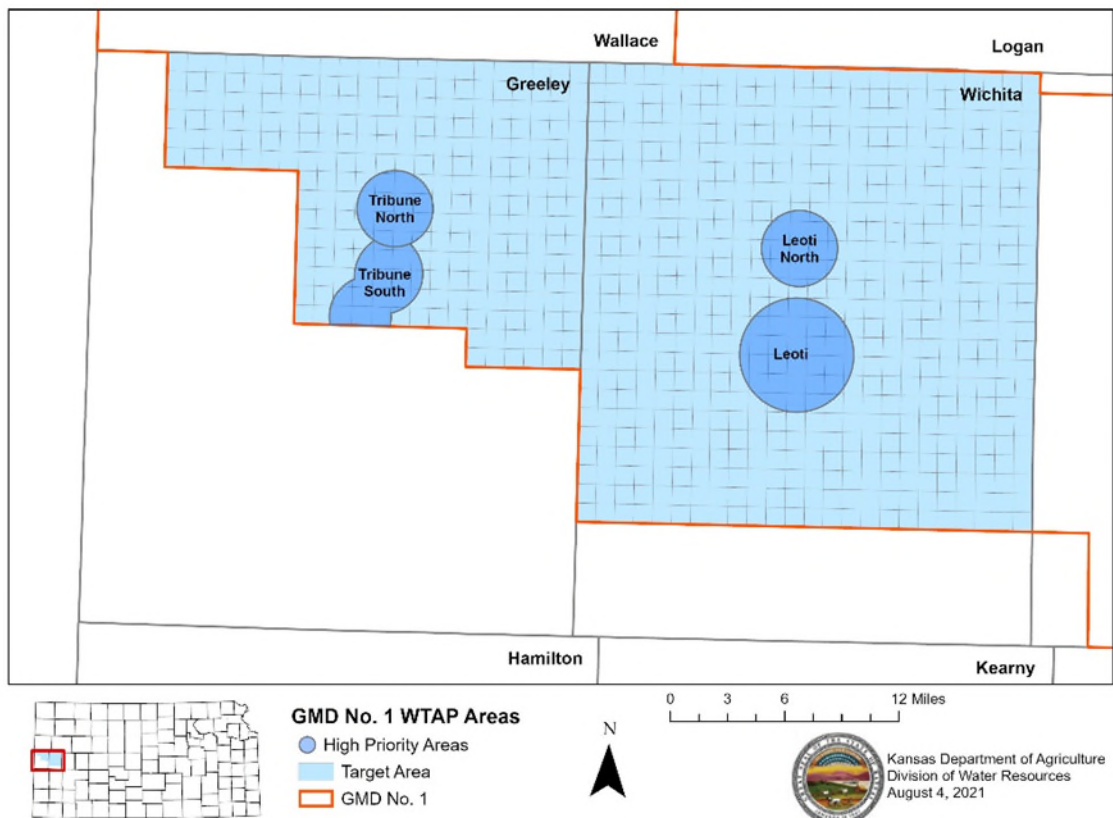
PUBLIC NOTICE

Wichita & Greeley Counties WTAP Sign-up To Open

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) will conduct a Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) enrollment in Greeley and Wichita counties from October 1 – November 15, 2022.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based water conservation program designed to manage aquifers and streams in critical need of restoration by compensating landowners for the permanent retirement of irrigation water rights. Priority in the fall 2022 enrollment will be given to retiring irrigation water rights that have the greatest impact on the local aquifer system in 2–3-mile radius areas around the municipal water supplies of Leoti and Tribune as shown below.

Approved GMD No. 1 WTAP Target Area



To be eligible, water rights must be in good standing with the Division of Water Resources.

Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can also be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions will also be considered for retirement grants.

WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids. WTAP grants can be considered by the Division of Conservation for up to \$2,000 per acre-foot of the “Historic Consumptive Water Use” value as calculated over the last ten years of reported annual water use of the water right(s) proposed for acceptance. WTAP grants can be combined with other federal or local water conservation programs which offer financial incentives to help increase financial incentives to landowners.

Contact Steve.Frost@KS.gov at 785-307-5955 for information. Application forms and other details are available on the Division of Conservation’s website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/WTAP. Assistance is also available from Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1 in Scott City at 620-872-5563, and at the Division of Water Resources field office in Garden City at 620-276-2901.