

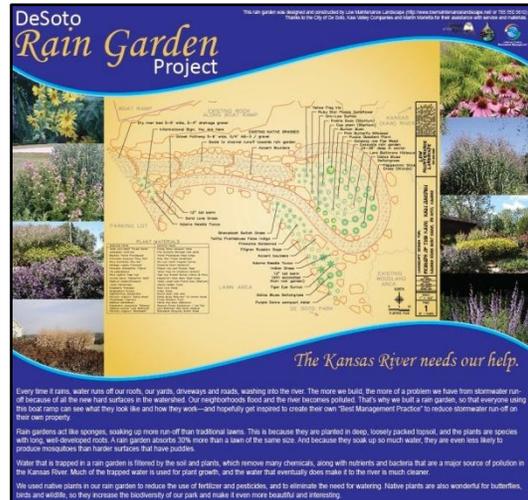
# KANSAS RIVER KANSAS

**Project Name:** Connecting the Kansas River

**Project Type:**

- Recreation (National Water Trail)
- Urban

**Project Description:** The Kansas River is the longest prairie river in the nation and is a unique natural resource for the region with its sand substrate. The 159-mile Kansas River Water Trail runs between Junction City and its confluence with the Missouri River near Kansas City. Over 2 million people live in the cities and towns along the River between Kansas City and Junction City.



*Kansas Riverkeeper*

The State of Kansas and its citizens have worked to increase awareness of water quality issues and promote recreational access to the river. Currently, there are 18 access points; however, more access points are needed to maximize recreation opportunities and improve visitors' experiences. The National Water Trail designation will bring national recognition to the River and promote river recreation and stewardship.

**Lead Federal Agencies:**

- National Park Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Non-Federal Partners:**

- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
- Topeka Riverfront Authority
- Topeka Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Friends of the Kaw

**Outcomes for 2012:**

- Obtain National Water Trail designation
- Plan future river-related projects with communities



*National Park Service*