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The Wish List was created by Dawn Buehler, Kansas Riverkeeper® and Executive Director. By selecting this option, you allow Dawn the flexibility to use your gift where needed most.

River Cleanups.

Amount needed: \$40,000

Friends of the Kaw is the only non-profit committed to cleaning up the Kansas River. We set a goal that by 2030, all legacy dump sites are removed from the Kansas River. In 2025, we plan to host four public cleanups in Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, and Manhattan, and seven cleanups in remote locations. The cost for each cleanup includes staff time, trash bags, gloves, equipment rental to dismantle large items, disposal fees, supplies, and fuel for the Jon boat to transport items off the river. Over 800 volunteers remove hundreds of tires, battery cases, plastic bottles/bags, cans, trash, refrigerators, metal, and abandoned boats.



Volunteers united in April for our 10th annual Earth Day riverbank cleanup in Lawrence.

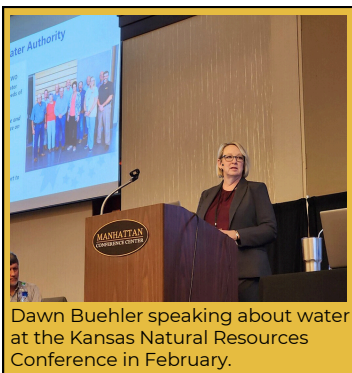


This trailer was in the Kansas River for years. We removed it during our inaugural 15-mile One Kansas City River Cleanup in September.

Advocacy and Policy for the River.

Amount needed: \$50,000

Friends of the Kaw is the strongest voice for protecting the Kansas River and its watershed. Restoring the river to full health is not just an environmental issue, it's a matter of public health. We work at local and state levels to reduce pollution and improve vital natural systems, while identifying best practices for protecting our waterways and being vigilant in opposing projects or proposals that would degrade water quality. We submit comments to governing bodies about pollution, dredging permits, stormwater issues, etc. We hold local leaders accountable for keeping clean water a top priority. The Kansas River is a drinking water source for over 950,000 Kansans. The same water that flows from our faucets is threatened by pollution. Now more than ever, the Kansas River needs voices to stand up, show up, and speak up for clean water.



Dawn Buehler speaking about water at the Kansas Natural Resources Conference in February.



Dawn Buehler and Heidi Mehl, FOK Board of Director, doing water advocacy work at the Kansas State House in March.

(See back for more opportunities!)

Public Education.

Amount needed: \$20,000

We work hard to educate the general public about the Kansas River, but more tools are needed to continue this work. In the age of social media, we need to upgrade our technology and our staff skills to provide a more robust public education program. This includes video creation, graphics, training and staff time to bring more awareness to the urgent issues that face the Kansas River.



Educational Paddles.

Amount needed: \$10,000



Dawn gives a sandbar talk mid-paddle to Beginner Wednesday participants.

Our educational paddles attract hundreds to the Kansas River. We host Beginner Wednesdays, Beginner Camping Weekends, and themed paddle trips with a goal to educate participants about the Kansas River watershed, including its wildlife, ecology, and human impacts. Another goal is to encourage a “get outdoors” mentality while experiencing the beautiful Kansas River firsthand with trained Kaw River Guides. Organizing these paddles requires a lot of coordination, direction, and transportation.

Kansas River National Water Trail.

Amount needed: \$15,000



The Kansas River was designated a National Water Trail on July 14, 2012 – only the second river nationwide to receive this title. Friends of the Kaw is the only non-profit dedicated to the Kansas River National Water Trail. We partnered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to establish all 19 access ramps on the Kansas River. Our next goal is to ensure each ramp has an informational kiosk, lifejacket safety station, lighting, restroom, picnic area, and kayak/canoe storage locker.



Climate Change.

Amount needed: \$10,000



Flood of 2015 and its impact on the Kansas River, threatening erosion, sedimentation, and contamination.

Climate change is impacting multiple facets of modern life largely due to connections to the changing water cycle. Climate change significantly and negatively impacts the Kansas River and has created a crisis for the river, the broader ecosystem, and river users. Friends of the Kaw recognizes the need to engage in advocacy and education relating to the climate crisis.



***Every donation makes a difference
in our work for the Kansas River.***

Thank you!

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