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MARAIS DES CYGNES WILDLIFE REFUGE, LINN COUNTY: \$2 MILLION

\$2 million to purchase 4,000 acres of wooded wetlands for preservation along the Marais des Cygnes River which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has identified as a priority site. Located approximately 50 miles from Kansas City, the area would be maintained as a refuge for waterfowl and a number of threatened and endangered species.

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NICODEMUS, KANSAS

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