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RECREATION FACILITIES EXPANDING IN WESTERN KANSAS

Public recreational facilities in Western Kansas are expanding through Federal-State cooperation under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Five projects totaling about \$40,000 in Federal assistance have been completed since the Land and Water Conservation Fund became operative in January, 1967. Total development costs (Federal, State, and local) would be in excess of \$80,000. These developments are a good start toward meeting the increased recreational needs of Western Kansans.

Completed projects in the 1st District are as follows:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Purpose</u>   | <u>Assistance Amounts</u>  |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| Jewell County   | Construct shower, water and sanitary facilities at Lovewell State Park.            | \$ 6,150.00                |
| Russell County  | Construct shower, water and sanitary facilities at Wilson State Park camping area. | \$ 7,750.00                |
| Rooks County    | Construct shower, water and sanitary facilities at Webster State Park.             | \$ 6,000.00                |
| Meade County    | Construct showers, water and sanitary facilities at Meade State Park.              | \$ 6,575.00                |
| Norton County   | Construct bathhouse for beach at Prairie Dog State Park.                           | \$ 9,450.00<br>\$35,925.00 |

Sixteen additional projects with a total of \$283,295 in Federal assistance are under development and seven more totaling \$476,792 have tentative approval and are almost certain to be approved.

ACTIVE PROJECTS  
in 1st District

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Purpose</u>   | <u>Assistance Amounts</u> |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Trego County    | Construct shower, water and sanitary facilities at Cedar Bluff State Park. | \$ 5,300.00               |
| Morton County   | Construct municipal swimming pool and related facilities.                  | \$ 30,525.00              |
| Barton County   | Acquire 48 acre tract for development of McKinley State Park.              | \$ 85,470.00              |
| Kearny County   | Construct swimming pool and related facilities.                            | \$ 45,800.00              |

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| Trego County             | To construct boat ramps, picnic shelters and tables, entrance signs, and 15-unit trailer park at Cedar Bluff State Park. | \$ 7,630.00  |
| Saline County            | Improve Kanopolis State Park including picnic shelters, water system, signs.   | \$ 6,385.00  |
| Meade County             | Construct picnic facilities, water system, maintenance area, camp sites, grills, bulletin boards at Meade State Park.    | \$ 7,630.00  |
| Ellsworth County         | Construct picnic shelters, water system, and maintenance building at Wilson State Park.                                  | \$ 7,044.00  |
| Norton County            | Construct picnic facilities, water system, maintenance and headquarters structure at Prairie Dog State Park.             | \$ 8,189.00  |
| Rush County              | Construct sanitary facilities at City Park.  | \$ 2,050.00  |
| Stafford County          | Develop Brown Park including wading pool, picnic house extension with restroom facilities, picnic house.                 | \$ 5,698.00  |
| Morton County            | Acquire 20 acres of land to develop athletic field.  | \$ 10,175.00 |
| Seward County            | Develop Blue Bonnet Community Park including camping and picnic units, tennis courts, playfield, restrooms, utilities.   | \$ 37,749.00 |
| Scott County             | Construct fenced arena on County Fairgrounds with lighting facility for horse shows, rodeos, riding.                     | \$ 5,425.00  |
| Rooks County             | Construct picnic facilities, water system, maintenance & headquarters building, bulletin boards at Webster State Park.   | \$ 9,105.00  |
| Stafford County          | Construct bathhouse facility at existing municipal swimming pool.  | \$ 8,140.00  |
| Total 16 Active Projects |  | \$282,295.00 |

# TENTATIVE APPROVALS in 1st District

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Purpose</u>   | <u>Assistance Amounts</u> |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Norton County   | Develop Prairie Dog State Park including camp sites, picnic facilities, trailer park, boat ramp, marina, road signs. | \$152,280.00              |
| Thomas County   | Develop South K-25 Park for games, fishing, picnicking and playground facilities.                                    | \$ 2,550.00               |
| Russell County  | Develop Wilson State Park including park residence, picnic & camping facilities, beach, trailer park, signs, roads.  | \$110,000.00              |

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| Jewell County                         | Develop Lovewell State Park<br>including camping, picnicking,<br>trailer park, beach area,<br>water system, roads.       | \$ 59,237.00        |
| Meade County                          | Develop Meade State Park<br>including boat marina, sani-<br>tary facilities, roads, water<br>distribution center, signs. | \$ 75,725.00        |
| Trego County                          | Develop Cedar Bluff State Park<br>including roads, camping area,<br>landscaping, water system,<br>picnic shelters.       | \$ 54,750.00        |
| Saline County                         | Develop Kanopolis State Park<br>including roads, picnic shel-<br>ters, nature trails with signs,<br>overlook shelter.    | \$ 22,250.00        |
| Total 7 Projects (Tentative Approval) |  | <u>\$476,792.00</u> |

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act all projects must be in accord with an approved Comprehensive State-wide Plan for outdoor recreation. The State-wide plan was developed by the Kansas Park and Resources Authority in cooperation with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and approved by the Secretary of Interior.

The purpose of this program is to assist State and local governments in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to all citizens such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as might be available. Project costs under the program are commonly divided between Federal and State and local governments on a 50/50 basis.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is financed from revenues from the \$7.00 "Golden Passport" Federal Recreation Area permits and other fees, sale of surplus Federal property, and Federal motorboat fuel taxes.