

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Geary County: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that **RUS**, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Geary County of Kansas. The proposal is for rehabilitation of existing sewer lines and the installation of new sewer lines in Sewer District No. 4 of Geary County. This sewer district covers an area of 148 acres with actual new ground disturbance for this project being less than 3 acres. Geary County has submitted an application to **RUS** for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Broin, Loan Specialist, Rural Development at 2715 Canterbury Dr, Hays, KS 67601, 785-624-3241.

Hard copies of the EA and supporting documentation will be available for public review at: 2715 Canterbury Dr. Hays, KS 67601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Geary County proposes to re-habilitate approximately 4000' of existing sewer line by applying a liner to the piping. They also propose installing 3,450' of new sewer piping to existing lots within the sewer district and to replace existing sewer lines that can't be lined.

KAW Valley Engineering, Inc, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for **RUS** that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. **RUS** has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to **RUS** at the address provided above. Rural Development will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by **RUS** related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below

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