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Northeast Kansas Strengths & Weaknesses Survey

Enhancing community and economic development and natural resource protection is essential for the revitalization and continued sustainable growth of our rural area. In order to achieve this vision the Glacial Hills Resources Conservation and Development Region Inc., would like to gather your input on important issues facing local communities in the Glacial Hills region.

The mission of Glacial Hills RC&D is to coordinate assistance to northeast Kansas by facilitating initiatives that foster development of natural, economic and human resources partnerships that enhance quality of life; expand opportunities for economic growth; and sustain community viability. The region includes the following counties: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Marshall and Nemaha.

Instructions for the Survey

1. In the survey there are six areas that you will be asked to share your opinion. The areas are community development, economic development, community services, land conservation water management and land management.
2. For each of the six areas read the list of issues provided.
3. Then select two weaknesses, as well as two strengths per area and place a checkmark in the selected issues.
4. Submit completed forms on the web, to a Glacial Hills RC&D council representative, or e-mail it to jessica.bowser@ks.usda.gov
5. Thank you for your input!

1. Community Development

Weaknesses (Select Top Two Answers Only)	Issue	Strengths (Select Top Two Answers Only)
	Adequate community facilities	
	Affordable housing	
	Leadership	
	Main street revitalization	
	Public infrastructure	
	Recreation opportunities (Parks, Hiking Trails, Swimming Pools, etc.)	
	Retaining young families	
	Youth Needs	
	Other: _____	

2. Economic Development

Weaknesses (Select Top Two Answers Only)	Issue	Strengths (Select Top Two Answers Only)
	Access to capital for entrepreneurs and businesses	
	Assistance to small and new businesses	
	Adequate lodging facilities	
	Good paying jobs	
	Multi city/county/tribal cooperation	
	Regional development	
	Support for existing businesses	
	Other: _____	

3. Community Service

Weaknesses (Select Top Two Answers Only)	Issue	Strengths (Select Top Two Answers Only)
	Access to quality healthcare	
	Adult education programs	
	Assistance to minorities	
	Communications systems (Access to high-speed Internet)	
	Early childhood development programs	
	Emergency systems	
	Low-income assistance	
	Services for the elderly	
	Youth afterschool programs	
	Other: _____	

4. Land Conservation

Weaknesses (Select Top Two Answers Only)	Issue	Strengths (Select Top Two Answers Only)
	Environmental education	
	Non-point source pollution control	
	Sedimentation control	
	Soil erosion control	
	Timely assistance with staking terraces and ponds	
	Use of alternative crops and cover crops	
	Utilizing conservation practices	
	Other: _____	

5. Water Management

Weaknesses (Select Top Two Answers Only)	Issue	Strengths (Select Top Two Answers Only)
	Adequate water resources	
	Agricultural water management	
	Assist watershed needs	
	Condition of lakes and reservoirs	
	Education of water related issues	
	Flood control	
	Rural water supplies	
	Upkeep of dams	
	Water quality	
	Well abandonment	
	Wetland development/preservation	
	Other: _____	

6. Land Management

Weaknesses (Select Top Two Answers Only)	Issue	Strengths (Select Top Two Answers Only)
	Absentee landowners	
	Carbon sequestration	
	Farmland preservation	
	Forestry development	
	Landuse planning	
	Production of energy crops	
	Renewable energy	
	Urban sprawl	
	Wildlife habitat development/protection	
	Zoning	
	Other: _____	