



KANSAS

Emergency Action Plans for Watershed Districts



Project Description

- The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (KDA DWR) is striving to establish emergency action plans for all dams in the state, per the state hazard mitigation plan goals.
- Project spans both the USACE Kansas City District and Tulsa District
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and DWR collaborating on between 10 and 20 of these for the state

Flood Risk Reduction Outcomes (on going)

- Satisfies completion of state hazard mitigation plan goal: completes emergency action plans for many high hazard dams
- Reduces potential damage to property and loss of life potential

Challenges Overcome / Continuing Challenges

- Clarification that this is not a USACE action or requirement
- Variety of emergency preparedness plans, emergency action plans, flood fighting plans, and operation plans that sometimes overlap or have similarities
- Need for a strong and standardized template
- Need worker bees that can assemble the elements of the EAP

Partners and Project Cost

Agency	Investment
USACE	\$100K
NRCS EAPs	\$40K In-kind
NRCS EAP training	\$14K In-kind
NRCS Dam Watch	\$700K In-kind
NRCS Coordination	\$5K In-kind
KDA DWR	\$8K In-kind
TOTAL	\$867k

Successes/Best Practices

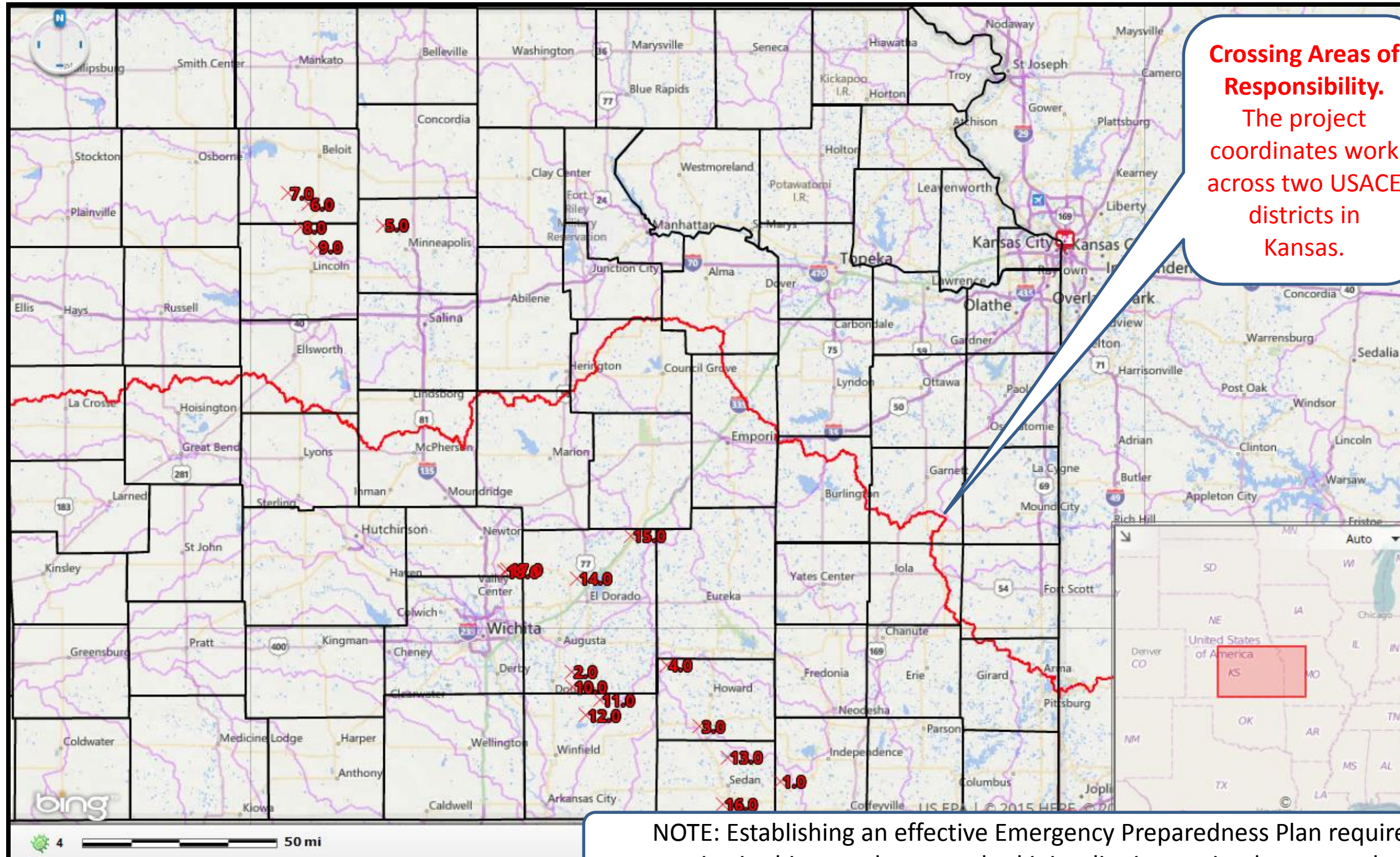
- Involved emergency managements specialists in the district
- Used template from NRCS and state agency
- Clarified the work by USACE, including roles and responsibilities of the watershed joint districts with a letter to each

USACE Project Point of Contacts

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NRCS and State High Hazard Dams. The watershed joint districts have requested aid for several years. The aid comes from USACE staff, although significant leveraging occurred through NRCS staff. Specifically in developing a standard template and the Dam Watch database.



Crossing Areas of Responsibility.
The project coordinates work across two USACE districts in Kansas.

NOTE: Establishing an effective Emergency Preparedness Plan requires the local community, in this case the watershed joint districts, to implement and update the plan.