

Kansas High Water Sign Initiative

High water signs in prominent community locations build local awareness of flood risk and encourage the public to be risk ready. The Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team is using the Corps of Engineers Silver Jackets Program to get these to your community.

FREE SIGNS

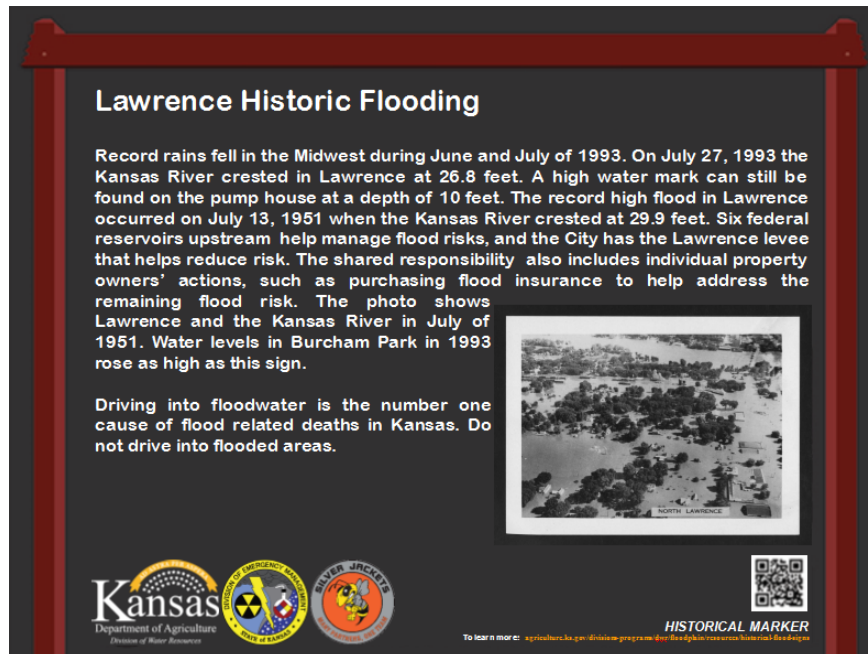
We are looking for locations throughout the state of Kansas to place signs, and provide information on historic flooding. These signs will serve as a physical reminder of a community's flood risk and history of flooding. Signs will also link to Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resource webpage:

agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/floodplain/resources/historical-flood-signs

EASY APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Identify an appropriate location for a sign in your community. Ideal locations are in public areas where known historic flood height information is available.
2. Nominate your location using the attached sheet by identifying points of contact for the necessary information.
3. Signs will be provided to the communities for installation - Signs are 18"x24" signs (aluminum or composite) with UV coating. (similar to typical road signs)
4. Community will install the signs and provide a photograph to the project team.

The completed form can be returned to steve.samuelson@ks.gov or kenneth.wade@usace.army.mil.



Example Sign Layout.

Please mark up this graphic with any design notes (such as location of holes/diameter).

Community Contact Information

Name, Title

Phone Number

Email

Historic Information Contact (Community History or Photos)

Name, Title

Phone Number

Email

Installation Contact (Who will install the signs)

Name, Title

Phone Number

Email

Address for sign shipping



Location Information:

Community Name: (Topeka, KS)

Does the community participate in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) program?

Proposed sign location:

Examples: "On North side of City Office Building at 7th & Adams," or "On posts in City Park."

Public interaction with location:

Example: "Oak Park is the main community park and is used by the community for numerous social gatherings."

Sign Content: The sign will likely have two sections. One related to information on a historic flood the other providing historic imagery and a link to more information.

Draft Content for historic information:

Example: “On May 26, 2011 rising water from the Missouri River closed N.P. Dodge Park. The marina reopened in 2012, and in 2013, crews finished rebuilding the park pavilion. The reconstruction included elevating the caretaker facility 5 feet above ground level to avoid future flood damage.”

Are there any historic imagery or accounts that can be used? If so, please discuss:

Would the community be willing to conduct an unveiling ceremony or school age outreach activities with the sign unveiling? Please discuss:

How would this sign assist in communicating and reducing risk in your community?



Lawrence, Kansas, 1951

Choteau, Montana 1962

