

**Applications for state funding to assist with fall conservation work are being accepted.**

Franklin County landowners who wish to implement conservation practices on their land in order to address soil health, water quality, wildlife habitat and other natural resource concerns should contact the Franklin County Conservation District to make an application for summer 2024 funding. **Landowner payment limit has been increased to \$10,000** for all projects except septic & well pluggings. Potential practices eligible for incentive payments include:

- ◆ Terraces & underground outlet terraces (tile terraces)
- ◆ Grassed waterways; diversions
- ◆ Brush management for pasture renovations on 40+ acre pastures
- ◆ Herbaceous weed control on pasture acres with grazing management plan
- ◆ Converting cropland to pasture/hayland
- ◆ Interior cross fence for rotational grazing on 40+ acre pastures
- ◆ Riparian area protection fence on 40+acre pastures
- ◆ Water supply protects (tanks below ponds, move livestock out of creek/stream)
- ◆ Upgrades to failing home septic systems, and plugging abandoned water wells.

We can not pay for repair work, only new construction. A complete list of eligible projects can be found online at [fccdks.org/programs.html](http://fccdks.org/programs.html) Farm operators can discuss applications, but all payments are made to the landowner. All funds are allocated directly to county conservation districts through the Kansas Water Plan fund. Applications are ranked using local soil health and watershed health related criteria, and are then approved by the KDA Division of Conservation. Applications are available online at [www.fccdks.org](http://www.fccdks.org), at the Conservation District Office in the USDA Service Center and *attached to this email*.