

# Kansas Ordnance Plant

## History

- Constructed 1941 - 1942
- Peak Employment 6,700, during WWII
- 1990 Gulf War “Shock and Awe”  
Produced Cluster Bombs & Tomahawk Missiles



## Rural Development Challenges

- ▶ Declining Rural Population & Low Population Density
- ▶ Adults with College Degrees: 17% Rural vs. 34% Urban
- ▶ Isolation From Robust Markets
- ▶ Lack of Public Infrastructure
- ▶ Limited Availability of Services
- ▶ Nationwide Perception
- ▶ Less Opportunity for Investment Capital
- ▶ Smaller Tax Base to Support Development



# Comprehensive Master Redevelopment Plan

- **County socio-economic conditions**

## Socioeconomic Statistics

Category	Labette	Kansas	Ranking**
Unemployment rate*	8.30%	7.00%	15th
Percent of population receiving food stamps	10.10%	6.60%	8th
School-aged children living in poverty	17.80%	12.20%	10th
Free or reduced priced lunches in school	57.90%	44.00%	18th
High School drop-out rate	1.60%	1.30%	23rd

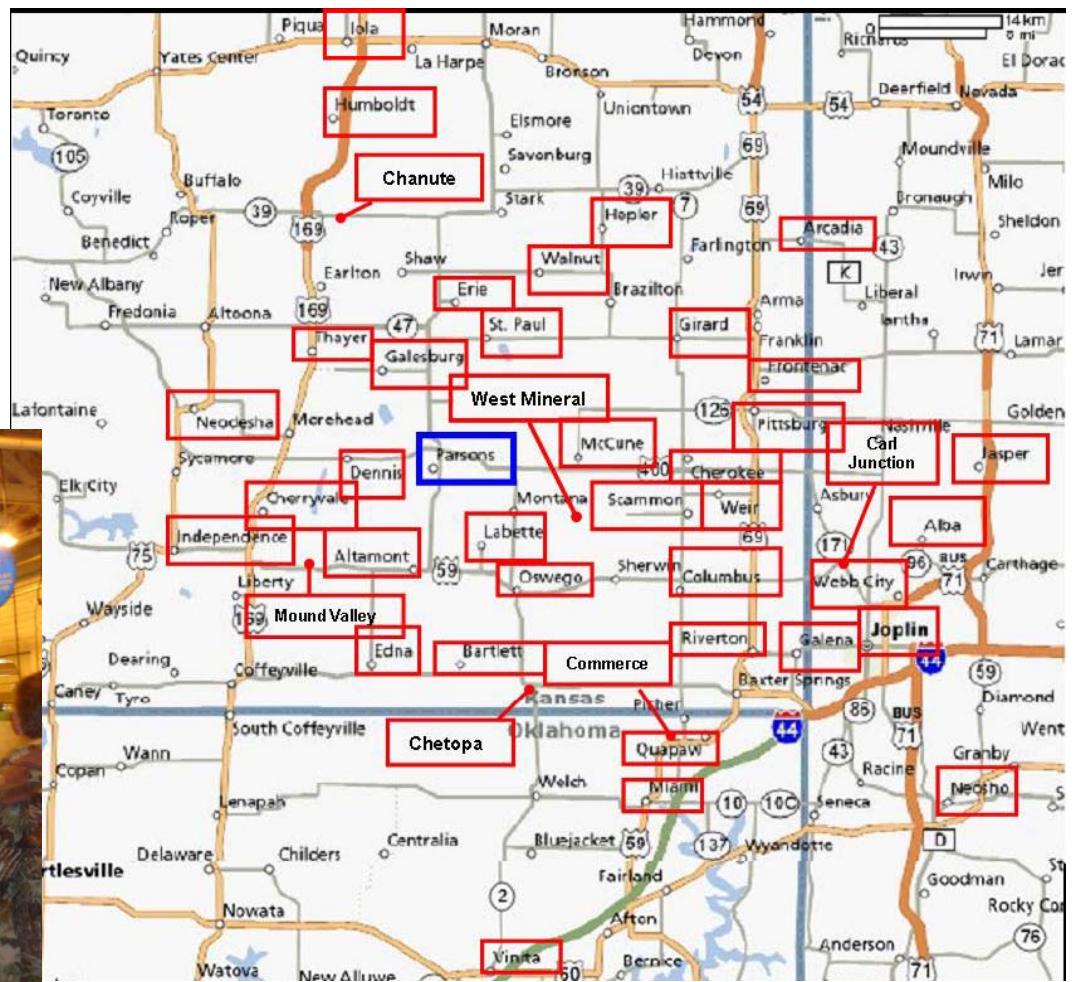
Data compiled March '09 from KU Statistical Data and Annie E. Casey Foundation

\* Unemployment rate as of June '09

\*\* Ranking is comparison to 105 counties in Kansas.

# Regional Impact

- 48% of employees traveled to Labette Co.
- Avg. yr Income \$40,000 Lb. Co. avg. \$27,000
- Paychecks went back home so all of SEK felt negative impact



# **Environmental Concerns**

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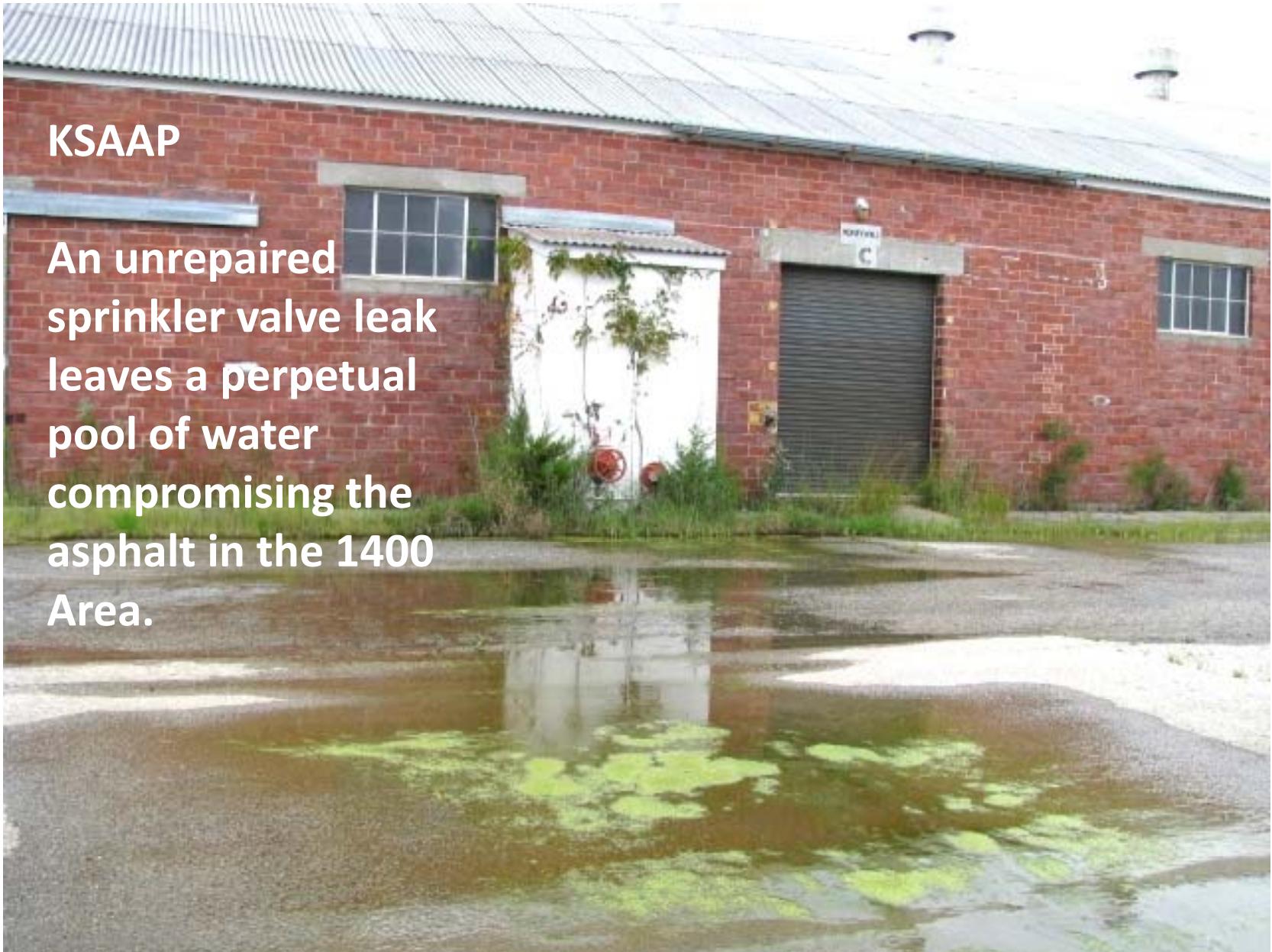


- Electrical Service
- Telephone System
- 1 mgd Water Rights
- Dam and Water Treatment Plant
- Waste Water Treatment Plant
- 4 Water Towers
- Fire Suppression System
- 33 Miles of Rail
- Connected to Union Pacific Railroad
- Rail Switching Yard
- Fiber Optics within 1 mile



KSAAP

An unrepaired  
sprinkler valve leak  
leaves a perpetual  
pool of water  
compromising the  
asphalt in the 1400  
Area.



KSAAP

Eroded ground under the roadbed created a serious problem, which was noted by posting a make shift caution sign. The long-term problem is evident from the condition of the sign.



## KSAAP

**A bridge with a rating of only 37 percent presents a significant safety hazard.**



# Facilities

## KSAAP

A wind storm blew in the first couple of courses of bricks along the upper edge of this wall on a building in the 200 Area. Because repairs were not made, the next wind storm was able to enter the building with enough to lift the roof on both ends of the building, bending red iron. This building was slated for conversion to industrial use.





**Long-ignored overgrowth on  
igloos compromises the value of  
the storage area as well as  
interferes with the functionality of  
the ventilation system. The tree  
behind the vent is at least 6' tall.**

## KSAAP

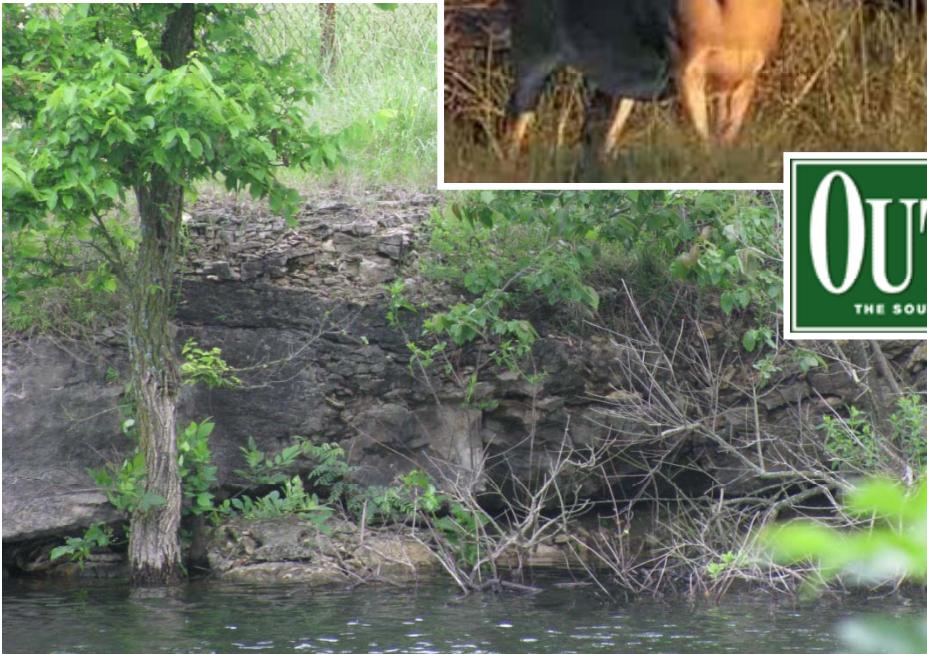
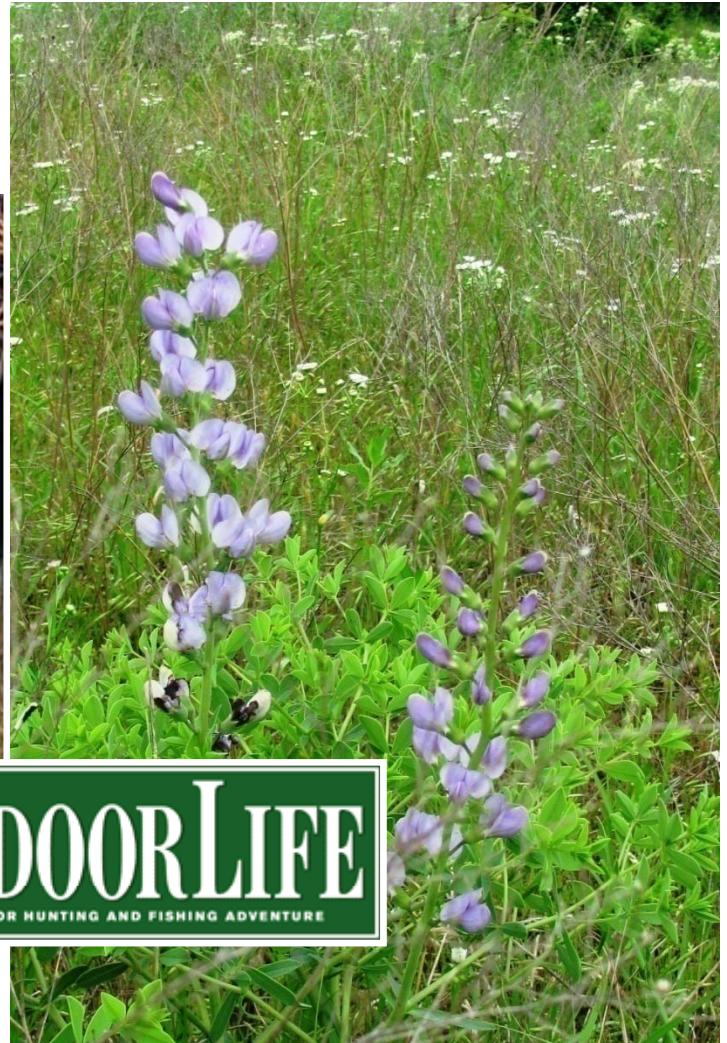
Two holes in the roof ,each measuring 2' x 2', created to accommodate a piece of equipment that was poorly selected and had to be removed. The holes were never repaired and allow rain, snow, birds, etc. inside the building, as well as allow massive heat loss during the winter.



# **Sensitive Habitat**

# Kansas Wildlife and Parks

- Native prairie
- Protected habitat
- Fish and wildlife management



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