

# Douglas County Kaw Drainage District

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Lawrence City Commission  
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**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE  
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Re: Baldwin Creek Drainage Study

Dear Commissioners:

The Board of Directors of the Douglas County Kaw Drainage District respectfully requests an opportunity to meet with the Douglas County Commission and the City of Lawrence City Commission in joint work session to discuss drainage problems in the Baldwin Creek Watershed. A similar communication is being sent to the City Commissioners.

The landowners in the area have experience increased flooding in recent years since the development of Free State High School and the urban corridor extending west from the City of Lawrence. That development has added considerable impervious surface to the upper reaches of the Baldwin Creek Watershed, and more development is on the drawing boards. The mouth of Baldwin Creek and its lower reaches are within the Drainage District boundaries, however, the upper reaches, where intense development has occurred are outside of our jurisdiction.

The Drainage District has considered expanding its boundaries to include the entire Baldwin Creek Watershed in order to accommodate drainage projects to deal with the flooding issues, but would like to explore other alternatives with the Governing Bodies in the District.

Please let us know, at your convenience, a time and location that would work for both Commissions.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Heck, President