

'April Showers to Water Towers' a Water Festival for Douglas County was held in conjunction with other Earth Day activities April 14th in South Park. Information regarding watersheds, stormwater pollution, erosion, ground water and other water quality issues were presented using fun, educational activities. The festival, sponsored by the City of Lawrence Stormwater Division, is held each year to help meet the Public Education and Outreach requirement for the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. Other agencies participating in the Water Festival included Central Plains Center for BioAssessment, Kansas Area Watershed Council, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Friends of the Kaw, KU Rain Barrels on Parade and the Kansas Geological Survey. Over 450 people attended the festival, with over 75 citizens receiving a rain poncho or water bottle for visiting all eight activities.



Entrance to Water Festival



Friends of the Kaw



Watershed Map



Central Plains for Bioassessment