

**Kansas Wetlands Education Center
Wish List**



Major Items – in order of priority

1. **Enhancement of KWEC Exhibits** – Consult with exhibit company for design and installation (\$100,000-\$200,000)
 - a. Ipad/smart phone tour of exhibits and/or Cheyenne Bottoms
 - b. More interactive exhibits (i.e. additional touch stations, sensory stations)
 - c. Additional touchscreens – informational, games, etc.
 - d. Mirror exhibit comparing heights of wetland plants/animals with people
 - e. Silhouettes on floor denoting hanging metal bird sculptures
 - f. Reading area for kids
2. **Production of an updated Cheyenne Bottoms informational video** (15-20 minutes) to show to visitors (\$350-\$500 per finished minute of footage=\$7,000-\$10,000)
3. **Automatic doors on front doorway for increased handicapped accessibility** (\$15,000)
4. **New bird mounts for educational programming** – Non-game birds to replace aged, degraded collection (\$5,000)
5. **Car for KWEC staff travel** (\$20,000) – Will need to check on tagging requirements with FHSU
6. **Enhance energy efficiency of KWEC building** – solar, geothermal, etc. (\$500,000)
7. **Interactive video system in Auditorium** (\$250,000)
8. **Redo highway entrance to KWEC** – new sign near highway to make it easier for travelers to see entrance (\$100,000)
9. **Outdoor “play” (Nature Playscape) area with equipment near Nature Trail** (will require cooperation with KDWPT manager to approve) (\$200,000-\$300,000)
10. **Underground tornado shelter** (\$20,000)
11. **Boardwalk and sidewalk to connect sidewalk on South side of building to Nature Trail** (\$20,000)
12. **Outdoor raptor enclosure**
13. **Redo KWEC floors** – strip old wax, polish concrete, seal (\$50,000)

Smaller Items

1. Lab sink for research lab
2. Vertical KWEC flags to be placed near highway entrance to attract visitors
3. Replace trees and shrubs along nature trail and enhance wildlife habitat
4. Additional signage for nature trail
5. Additional spotting scope and tripod for use by visitors in KWEC Exhibit Gallery
6. Additional binoculars for kids to use during programs
7. Bench for butterfly garden
8. Large urn-like structure for butterfly garden
9. Additional research equipment for lab (i.e. balances, additional microscopes, etc.)