Nicholas County Conservation District
Hinkston Creek Project
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Nicholas County lies within the Hinkston Creek Watershed and the Nicholas County Conservation District has been a supporter of the efforts to improve water quality for all citizens living within the watershed.

Nicholas County Conservation District has supported the efforts to improve water quality by engaging our farmers to lessen the impact of these crucial operations on the Watershed through:

- Implementation of ongoing conservation practices:
  - Dead Animal Removal Program
  - State Cost Share Programs
  - EQIP Programs
- Implementation of 319-H Federal Grant programs
  - Hinkston Creek Project
Past Hinkston Creek Success

- Our first efforts to utilize 319-H Program funds to lower the impact of ag operations within the watershed was in 2013 by Barry Tonning and TetraTech.
  - $75,000 Matching funds
  - Best Management Practices (BMP’s) implemented:
    - Pasture Renovation
    - Watering Facilities
    - Exclusion Fencing
- Our 2nd initiative was in 2015-2018.
  - $250,000 Matching funds
  - 15 Approved Applicants
  - Best Management Practices (BMP’s) implemented:
    - Livestock Fencing
    - Animal Feed Pads
    - Stream Crossings
    - Forage Improvement
- This program was well received by local farmers and resulted in the completion of 15 Best Management Practices (BMP’s)
Hinkston Creek 2019-2021

- **Our Current 319-H Program initiative for 2019-2021**
  - $180,000 Matching funds
  - 6 Approved Applicants
  - Best Management Practices (BMP’s) implemented:
    - Livestock Exclusion Fencing
    - Animal Feed Pads
    - Watering Facilities
    - Heavy Use Areas / Gateways
    - Forage Improvement / Pasture Renovation
Hinkston Creek 2019 Successful Projects

Project #1 Before

Project #1 After

Heavy Use Area / Gateway
Hinkston Creek 2019 Successful Projects

Project #2     Before
Feed Pad

Project #2     After
Hinkston Creek 2019 Successful Projects

Project #3     Before

Forage Improvement / Pasture Renovation

Project #3     After
Hinkston Creek 2019 Successful Projects

Project #4     In Progress

Project #5     In Progress
Hinkston Creek - What’s Next

- Nicholas County Conservation District will continue to manage the current 319-H program until completion in 2021. We have 3 additional projects that will be completed by Q1 2020. The balance of the approved projects will be a focus for the remainder of 2020 and 2021.

- QUESTIONS?