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**WESTAR ENERGY'S GREEN TEAM, CITY OF TOPEKA CONTINUE
REVITALIZATION EFFORTS AT BURNETT'S MOUND**

Volunteers needed for work day Sept. 17.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 12, 2011 —Westar Energy's Green Team and the City of Topeka continue efforts to make Skyline Park at Burnett's Mound a destination point for outdoor enthusiasts. Nearly 50 volunteers spent a day in March removing tree overgrowth from the bluff. Volunteers of any age are encouraged to come any time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sept. 17 for another work day.

"We have a vision to provide local outdoor enthusiasts, as well as tourists visiting the area, a unique location to experience native Kansas grasslands as well as check out an amazing view of the city," said Ben Postlethwait, Westar Energy Green Team coordinator. "We welcome any and all volunteers who are willing to pitch in and get dirty to revitalize this natural landmark."

Volunteers are needed to further help cut, stump treat and remove brush. Tree and brush removal will allow restoration of native grass and wildflowers. Volunteers should bring their own gloves and chainsaws, loppers or handsaws, if they have them. Eye protection, drinks, and lunch will be provided. So we can ensure enough lunches are available, volunteers should please notify Barb Cornelius at 785.575.8125 before the event.

The Westar Energy Green Team is a group of employees and retiree volunteers that take on environmental projects across Kansas. The group completes between 50 and 70 projects per year on weekends and evenings. The Green Team also collaborates with conservation groups, agencies and schools in enhancing and fostering an understanding of the Kansas environment.

Burnett's Mound Work Day

When: Saturday, Sept. 17

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Volunteers may come and go as needed*

Where: Burnett's Mound Directions: From I-470, take Gage exit and go south on Gage approximately three blocks and turn west on west 35th Street; go five blocks until you reach a T in the road and proceed right on Skyline; turn left through park entrance gate and follow the drive. Work will take place near the giant water tank.

Volunteers should bring: Personal safety equipment such as gloves and safety glasses (eye protection will be available to those who need it), chainsaws, loppers and handsaws.

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The Topeka skyline as seen from Burnett's Mound in July 2010.