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**WESTAR ENERGY'S GREEN TEAM, CITY OF TOPEKA WORK ON REVITALIZING  
BURNETT'S MOUND, CREATING A DESTINATION POINT**

**Volunteers needed for work day October 2.**

TOPEKA, Kan., September 27, 2010 — Westar Energy's Green Team, working with the City of Topeka, will revitalize Skyline Park at Burnett's Mound making it a destination point for outdoor enthusiasts. Volunteers have been removing tree overgrowth from the bluff, restoring native grass and wildflowers. Another work day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2 and volunteers are needed to help cut and remove brush.

"We vision this park as being a popular destination for hikers and people wanting a fantastic bird's-eye view of the city," said Brad Loveless, director, biology and conservation programs. "We welcome anyone who wants to come out, roll up their sleeves and help revitalize Topeka's natural landmark."

Volunteers of any age are encouraged to come any time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Oct. 2. Volunteers should bring their own chainsaws as well as safety gear, including gloves and eye protection. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. So we can ensure enough lunches are available, volunteers should please notify Mike Nolan, Green Team coordinator, at 785.217.6257, before the event.

**Burnett's Mound Work Day**

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 2

**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 35<sup>th</sup> 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, chainsaws

\*\* Media are invited to the work day. Accommodations may also be made prior to the work day for media to get before photos or video of Burnett's Mound.

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.

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