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#### EPA to Give Technical Assistance to Atchison

(KAIR) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced that the City of Atchison will receive technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program.

The announcement was made at the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri Thursday.

EPA awarded Atchison a Land Use and Water Quality Workshop.

The workshop will provide Atchison technical assistance to identify green infrastructure measures to better manage storm water runoff.

EPA's technical assistance will help Atchison find ways to reinvest in the city's core by establishing the proper mix of land uses and strengthening existing neighborhoods transforming the city into a more sustainable community.

The assistance will result in water quality improvements and protect the Missouri River from harmful pollutants.

Across the nation, EPA awarded 43 communities with technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program.

EPA selected this year's recipients from 121 applicants through a competitive process in consultation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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