

## PREFACE

Beginning in 1966 studies were made by several agencies as a coordinated effort in order to find boundaries which could help in the coordination of Federal, State and local programs. During the next three years two things were done pertinent to the delineation of regional planning districts.

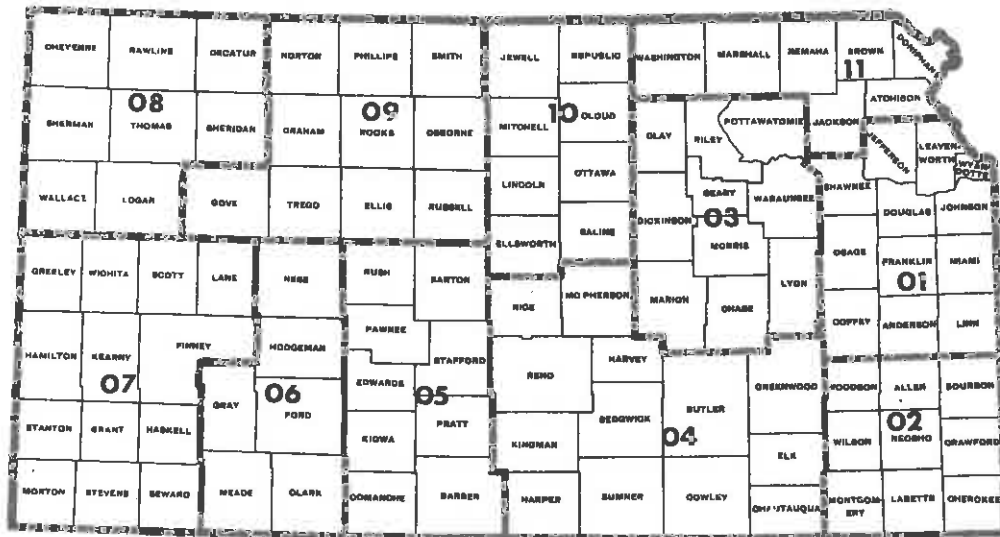
First, public education and information programs were announced in newspapers and held statewide to inform and educate public officials and the general public as to these proposed designations. These education and information programs were provided by the Department of Economic Development, the Departments of Continuing Education, Extension Service, and Regional and Community Planning at Kansas State University, the Kansas League of Municipalities, and the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency. These programs were participated in quite widely throughout the State.

Second, three advisory committees on regional planning were established in 1966, 1967, and 1968 by the Governor at the request of local people to study more closely the possibilities of regional planning in their respective areas. These committees were directly involved in Southeast Kansas (Region 02), South Central Kansas (Region 04), and Flint Hills (Region 03).

In 1968, the Intergovernmental Act of 1968 was passed which enabled governors of states to designate substate regions in their states for purposes of coordination between Federal, State and local plans and projects. In line with this act, Governor Docking issued an executive order on February 15, 1971 which officially designated the substate regions in Kansas. Up until that time, these divisions were merely suggestions by those cooperating agencies involved.

These substate regions in Kansas are still not legally binding but are strongly suggested to be used by each Federal and State agency which have regional programs. Again the reason for this is to develop better coordination of programs for the benefit of local people. Unfortunately several agencies since the executive order was issued do not use these regions or have not realigned their programs to follow them, thus causing much duplication of effort in many cases.

It is, therefore, the purpose of this report to show how the concept of regionalism is now operating in the state of Kansas by (1) describing the various regional councils, commissions, and districts and (2) showing their relationships to one another.



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