Convert Turf Grass to Green Space

Try the following steps to convert your turf grass areas into low maintenance green space:

- In the fall or early spring, kill the existing turf grass and unwanted vegetation with an herbicide or by covering it with black plastic or layered newspapers for several months.
- 2. Test the soil and make changes according to recommendations by the local Kansas State Research and Extension office, 913-299-9300.
- 3. Research the type of native plants and forbs best suited for your geographic location.
- 4. Lay out paths and garden design.
- 5. Plant seeds and/or plants. Water well the first couple of weeks to prevent the plants from drying out and dying.
- 6. Weeds may be carefully spot treated or cut off at ground level. Try not to disturb the soil, as this may promote weed growth.
- 7. Enjoy and maintain as needed.

Converting turf grass to green space is a process. While immediate progress may be seen, it may take a few years before the area becomes established and displays its full benefits.