

Dear Chairman Rahjes and Representatives of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

Once upon a time, conservation meant focusing on bringing back the wildlife that had been hunted almost to extinction following the year of no summer in 1816. The famine years were a result of [volcanic winters](#) that caused freezing temperatures in every month of the growing season. This era of relying on animals for sustenance continued on into the 1940s as the United States suffered through [Boom to Bust](#) economies with monetary collapses in the [1890s](#) and [1930s](#). Those conservation efforts were a success.

Conservation efforts began to run afoul as soon as Roosevelt's [New Deal](#) broke the first man-made lake and planted the first shelter belt. A new non-native ecosystem began to form in Kansas as a stronger economy inspired families to [pursue wilderness vacations](#).

By the 1960s and 70s, the [hippie movements](#) took over conservation. Non-profits were created to covet private property for building a Kansas landscape of [no human occupation](#).

Now, in 2025, that coveting of private property has evolved into a new definition of conservation. Today, conservation means "***Farmers are too stupid to farm without a group of people from the city to tell them how.***"

Everything about modern-day conservation programs is abhorrently offensive.

Please help us stop the arrogant assumption that experienced land managers need supervision from elitists in the city. Please kill this bill.

Sincerely,



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