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KSA's Biodiversity Activities

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Kao Specialties Americas LLC (KSA) takes pride as being the largest wildlife area within the Kao Group. This treasure of natural resources includes various coniferous and broadleaf trees spread throughout the site. A variety of living creatures, including rare wild birds such as the wood thrush, which North Carolina has designated as an endangered species, inhabit the area. All wildlife areas on-site are managed to sustain the wildlife and natural communities, including a natural unpaved walkway around the reservoir and wild geese observed around the site pond.

In 2019, KSA conducted a biodiversity assessment, verifying regional characteristics within our local vicinity (geology, topography, hydrological cycle, ecosystems, etc.), vegetation (trees and herbaceous plants), invasive species, and assessing various other species of living organisms and their inhabitants. A detailed report was published and an ecological map depicting the multiple green spaces on site.

KSA is investigating future biodiversity conservation activities based on the results of this assessment under the leadership of Don Kaserman, the H S & E Specialist. Biodiversity activities have included conducting biodiversity conservation activities that employees can participate in such as lectures on composting fallen leaves and dead branches, nature walks in conjunction with study sessions on organisms that live in the natural areas around the site, and planted various indigenous trees around the site's perimeter. KSA continues its efforts to promote local green space conservation and biodiversity education.



The reservoir



The natural walkway



Adult and baby geese



A woodchuck