

# Double benefit

## A new Kansas law gives donors a special tax incentive to support deferred maintenance projects.

During the next four years, donors who invest in KU's deferred maintenance projects will be eligible for a far greater tax benefit than they normally would with a charitable gift.

A new law passed by the 2007 Kansas Legislature gives donors who contribute to these projects a state tax credit — 45 percent of the contribution amount — in addition to any standard deduction available. The credit applies for tax years 2008 through 2012.

A tax credit differs from a tax deduction, which reduces only your taxable income. A tax credit is considered more valuable because it reduces the amount of tax you must pay come April — in this case, by almost half the amount of your gift.

KU lists 52 deferred maintenance priority projects. They include such historic buildings as Dyche Hall, Watson Library, Strong Hall

and Murphy Hall on the Lawrence campus, and the Olathe and Delp pavilions at the KU Medical Center.

Much of the work covers such basics as new heating and air conditioning systems, energy-efficient windows, upgraded elevators and fire-alarm systems, and ADA-compliant features. The largest project, now under way, is to improve about 10 percent of Mount Oread's 16,000-foot network of underground utility tunnels, some parts of which are more than 100 years old.

Alumni Sam and Carol Perkins, of Olathe, were the first KU donors to give for deferred maintenance. Their \$5,000 gift was a win-win, Sam Perkins said: "It's two of our favorite things, supporting our university and saving taxes!"

— Kirsten Bosnak



### HOW TO HELP

Visit [kuendowment.org/maintain/](http://kuendowment.org/maintain/)

to give and to find links to sites with detailed information, including photos and KU's list of priority projects.

Or contact Kevin Kelly, 785-832-7408 or [kkelly@kuendowment.org](mailto:kkelly@kuendowment.org).

## Get the tax credit

### Here's how it works:

- Your gift qualifies you for a Kansas tax credit for 45 percent of the amount of the gift.
- Make your gift to KU Endowment (suggested minimum, \$5,000).
- Give cash, securities or real property that can be quickly converted to cash.
- Your gift must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 of the year in which you seek the tax credit.
- File the appropriate Kansas tax return form electronically.
- The credit is available to individuals, nonprofit organizations, banking and financial institutions that pay the banker's privilege tax, and companies that pay the insurance premium tax.
- The amount of your credit may be carried forward for up to three years.
- The program runs through 2012.

### Example

You make a gift of \$10,000 for deferred maintenance projects. With the 45 percent tax credit, the state of Kansas reduces your total income tax owed by \$4,500. You also claim a federal deduction based on your income bracket.



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One of KU's first deferred maintenance projects: the underground utility tunnels. Jim Modig, director of design and construction management, stands in one of the century-old tunnels, left, and a newly renovated tunnel, right.