

Stream Teams United Annual Report 2017

Who are we?

The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition, doing business as Stream Teams United, is a not-for-profit organization made up of Stream Team Associations throughout the state. Associations are groups of Stream Teams that work together within watersheds. Stream Teams United promotes and supports watershed-based Stream Team Associations and the Stream Team Program by serving as a resource for information, education, stewardship, and advocacy; facilitating communication among Associations; and serving as a voice for healthy watersheds in Missouri. There are currently 19 Stream Team Associations across the state that are members of Stream Teams United.

Stream Teams United works to further the efforts of the Stream Team Program and Stream Team Associations. Check out our 2017 activities:

Education

- ◆ Continued to host educational resources on the Coalition’s website at streamteamsunited.org and stewardship information for clean marinas at the Missouri Clean Marina website at mocleanmarina.org/
- ◆ Wrote the “Coalition Corner” article for each edition of the Stream Team Program’s *Channels* newsletter during 2017
- ◆ Provided a mass email system for Associations to utilize through Constant Contact and published weekly “This Week in #MOwater” bulletins to over 6,000 email subscribers
- ◆ Coordinated the 2nd annual Paddle MO 100 mile river trip September 23-27, 2017 on the Missouri River from Hermann to the confluence. There were 74 participants and 15 support crew. Participants learned about the history, ecology, and biology of the river from expert educators.



Paddle MO participants listen to educational presentations taught by environmental educators from Earth’s Classroom.

Technical

- ◆ Administered the contractual requirements for the 2018 publication of the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Summary of Data 1993-2016 Report and hosting of the report at mstwc.org/whats-happening/stream-reports/

Advocacy

- ♦ Hired two unpaid advocacy interns to assist with monitoring water-related legislation during the 2017 legislative session
- ♦ Monitored bills during the 2017 legislative season, created a bill “watchlist”, and added a “watchlist” area on the Stream Teams United website
- ♦ Sent out 18 weekly legislative updates and five issue alerts during the 2017 legislative season and one issue alert during the non-legislative season
- ♦ Facilitated the formation of an Advocacy Committee and development of an Advocacy Policy for the organization
- ♦ Hosted an Advocacy Workshop at Meramec State Park during the Meramec Watershed Celebration Picnic

Sustainable Funding

- ♦ Facilitated a re-design of the Great Rivers State license plate and continued to promote the Great Rivers State license plate through email bulletins, website, and in-person contacts
- ♦ Provided and facilitated donation opportunities for tax deductible contributions to the Stream Teams United “wish list” via mstwc.org/act-now/donate/
- ♦ Hosted the “Peeled Faces of the Amazon” film event in St. Louis
- ♦ Continued to develop the scope of Paddle MO to further the ability of this event to act as a funding source



Organization Changes and Transitions

In June 2017, the Executive Director of Stream Teams United, Holly Neill, who had served the organization since 2010, left her role at Stream Teams United to work for a national conservation organization. The Board of Stream Teams United, Operations Manager, and Programs Manager worked through that time of transition and ultimately made plans in late 2017 to advertise for hiring a new Executive Director. This position was filled by Mary Culler in February 2018.

To learn more about Stream Teams United, or sign up for our weekly news bulletin, please visit streamteamsunited.org.

To learn more about Paddle MO and trip opportunities, visit paddlemo.org.

For information about the Missouri Clean Marina Program, visit mocleanmarina.org.

Thank you to all of our volunteer board members and officers who make Stream Teams United possible!

