



Uniting Stream Teams for Healthy Waters and Watersheds in Missouri, “The Great Rivers State”

Stream Teams United Annual Report 2019

Who are we?

The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition, doing business as Stream Teams United, is a not-for-profit 501c3 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 21 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 2019 activities:

Education

- ◆ Coordinated the 4th annual Paddle MO 100 mile river trip September 21-25 2019 on the Missouri River from Hermann to the confluence. There were 79 participants, six guests, and 17 support crew. Five scholarships were sponsored in 2019. Participants learned about the history, ecology, and biology of the river from expert educators, including Bill and Jody Miles of Earth’s Classroom. This year’s trip received grant funding from Missouri Humanities to bring in additional scholars including Native American and French reenactors.
- ◆ Coordinated the 1st Paddle MO Ozarks river trip on 22 miles of the Current River within the Ozarks National Scenic Riverways through a seed grant from the L-A-D foundation. With support from Missouri Humanities, Rick Mansfield provided a reenactment of Henry Schoolcraft during the event.
- ◆ Hosted educational presentations for youth at St. Louis Earth Day, the Birds and Bees festival in Arrow Rock, and Bethel Heritage Days in Bethel
- ◆ Hosted a Honeysuckle Warrior workshop regarding invasive plant species in Weldon Spring
- ◆ Received an AmeriCorps VISTA grant and coordinated the project for VISTA member placement at five Stream Team sites throughout the state to build capacity of education programs to reach low-income youth with water education and connection to Nature.
- ◆ 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 2019
- ◆ Provided a mass email system for Associations to utilize through Constant Contact and published weekly “This Week in #MOWater” bulletins to over 6,700 email subscribers



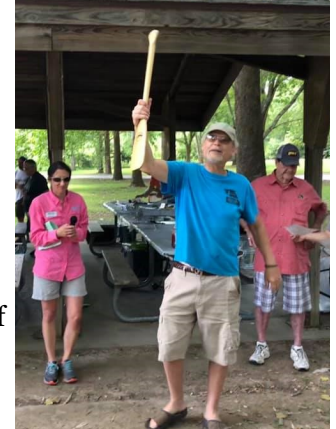
Stewardship

- ◆ Coordinated a bush honeysuckle removal field day, along with St. Louis region Master Naturalists, at the Fallen Oak Trail at August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area. Thirty-two volunteers worked to remove invasive honeysuckle from 1.5 acres of the area.
- ◆ Through a Wholesale Impact Grant from Patagonia, purchased a supply of tools for honeysuckle removal and equipped three regional St. Louis area Stream Team Associations with tools for future projects.



Advocacy

- ◆ Hosted with River des Peres Watershed Coalition a Stream Advocacy Workshop in Kirkwood
- ◆ Mentored two unpaid advocacy interns to assist with monitoring water-related legislation during the 2019 legislative session
- ◆ Monitored state bills during the 2019 legislative season and tracked the progress of 79 bills on the Coalition's Legislative Lookout webpage
- ◆ Sent out 19 weekly legislative updates, seven issue alerts during the 2019 legislative season, provided testimony at one hearing for HB 1237 regarding the proposed sale of Eleven Point State Park, and sent out an additional five issue alerts during the non-legislative session
- ◆ Attended the Conservation Federation of Missouri's Conservation Day at the Capitol
- ◆ Provided public comment regarding changes to the 2020 303(d) Listing Methodology Document
- ◆ Recognized Greg Poleski as the Advocacy Award winner at the Watershed Celebration Picnic.

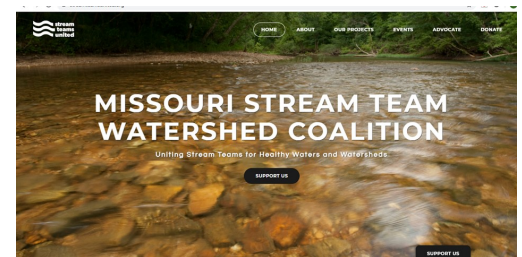


Capacity Development and Mini-Grants

- ◆ Developed "River Champion" supporter and sponsorship levels and continued to promote the "Water Penny Club" to encourage and recognize monthly recurring donors
- ◆ Continued to promote Missouri as the Great Rivers State through the Stream Team license plate
- ◆ Continued to develop Paddle MO to further the ability of this event to act as a funding source. Stream Teams United was featured during Magnificent Missouri's 2019 Conservation Celebration.
- ◆ Awarded 5 mini-grants to member Stream Team Associations for regional education and stewardship projects

Association Growth, Celebrations, and New Website

In 2019, Stream Teams United welcomed Deer Creek Watershed Alliance of St. Louis into the Coalition. Stream Teams United also coordinated and hosted the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Missouri Stream Team Program and 20th Anniversary of the Coalition with a River Gala event at Echo Bluff State Park and a Stream Team gathering at a Springfield Cardinals baseball game. Stream Teams United also continued to co-host the Watershed Celebration at Meramec State Park with the Northern Ozarks Rivers Partnership. Stream Teams United also rebuilt our website through Flipcause in 2019.



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

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