



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

Stream Teams United Annual Report 2021

Who are we?

The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition, doing business as Stream Teams United, is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization that is a coalition of Stream Team Associations throughout the state. Associations are groups of Stream Teams that work together within watersheds. Stream Teams United promotes and facilitates education, stewardship, and advocacy for Missouri’s rivers and streams and works to build a culture of river conservation in Missouri. Twenty-two regional Stream Team Associations across the state each work in their own watersheds to improve and conserve the quality of water in area lakes and streams.

Stream Teams United works to further the efforts of the Missouri Stream Team Program and Stream Team Associations. Check out our 2021 activities:

Education

- ◆ Created a new live action video and a new webpage to increase awareness and promote land and water stewardship practices in the Salt River/Mark Twain Lake watershed. The video “[Northeast Missouri's Salt River Watershed: a regional water resource](#)” can be viewed on You Tube and the new webpage at <https://www.streamteamsunited.org/north-fork-salt-river-watershed.html>.



- ◆ Hosted tours for elected officials and media highlighting source water protection in the Mark Twain Lake Watershed, in partnership with the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission. Also hosted “Mussels of the Salt River” online presentation with MDC Fisheries staff.



- ◆ Presented during numerous virtual webinars, including a presentation about the Missouri Stream Team Program and factors affecting the freshwater biome at the virtual Global Freshwaters Summit.
- ◆ Coordinated an AmeriCorps project and sponsored 10 AmeriCorps members at Stream Team sites throughout the state to build capacity of water education programs to reach low-income youth.
- ◆ Provided a mass email system for Stream Team Associations to utilize and published weekly “This Week in #MOWater” bulletins to over 7,400 email subscribers, including “Creek of the Week” and “Association Spotlights”.

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!

Stewardship

- ◆ Provided mini-grants to three Stream Team Associations to support invasive plant species removal projects, native plant projects, and litter pick-up events.
- ◆ Purchased a canoe and kayak trailer for future use for Stream Team cleanups in areas of the state where there are not outfitters to provide boat shuttling. Organized a cleanup of the lower Salt River near New London.
- ◆ Continued to host stewardship information for clean marinas at mocleanmarina.org



Advocacy

- ◆ Hosted a Stream Advocacy workshop online in January of 2021, with 68 registered attendees.
- ◆ Hosted the first Stream Team led “Clean Water Day” at the state capitol and recognized two senators with letters of recognition for sponsoring water friendly legislation.
- ◆ Mentored three volunteer advocacy interns to assist with monitoring water-related legislation during the 2021 legislative session.
- ◆ Monitored state level bills during the 2021 legislative session and tracked the progress of 174 bills on the Coalition’s Legislative Lookout webpage.
- ◆ Created and distributed 19 weekly legislative updates during the legislative session and five issue alerts.
- ◆ Provided public comment regarding the 2020 303(d) list, proposed changes to regulations, invasive species issues, the Ozark National Scenic Riverways Roads and Trails plan, and proposed permits and developments that could affect river habitat and water quality.
- ◆ Participated in the Conservation Federation of Missouri’s Conservation Day on the Radio.
- ◆ Recognized John Madras as the Stream Team Advocacy Award winner at the July 2021 Watershed Celebration ceremony.



Connecting People to Rivers and Promoting Missouri as “The Great Rivers State”

- ◆ Coordinated the 6th annual Paddle MO 100-mile river trip on the Missouri River from Hermann to the confluence. The trip was highlighted in [a fantastic video by Missouri Humanities Outdoors](#).
- ◆ Coordinated the 3rd annual Paddle MO Ozarks river trip on 25 miles of the upper Current River within the Ozarks National Scenic Riverways.
- ◆ Continued to promote Missouri as the Great Rivers State through the Stream Team license plate.

