



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition, operating under the name Stream Teams United, functions as a non-profit 501c3 entity comprising Stream Team Associations statewide. These associations consist of collaborative groups of Stream Teams operating within specific watershed areas. Stream Teams United is dedicated to advancing education, stewardship, and advocacy for Missouri's rivers and streams, fostering a collective commitment to river conservation across the state. With twenty-two regional Stream Team Associations, each focusing on their respective watersheds, efforts are concentrated on enhancing and preserving water quality in local lakes and streams.



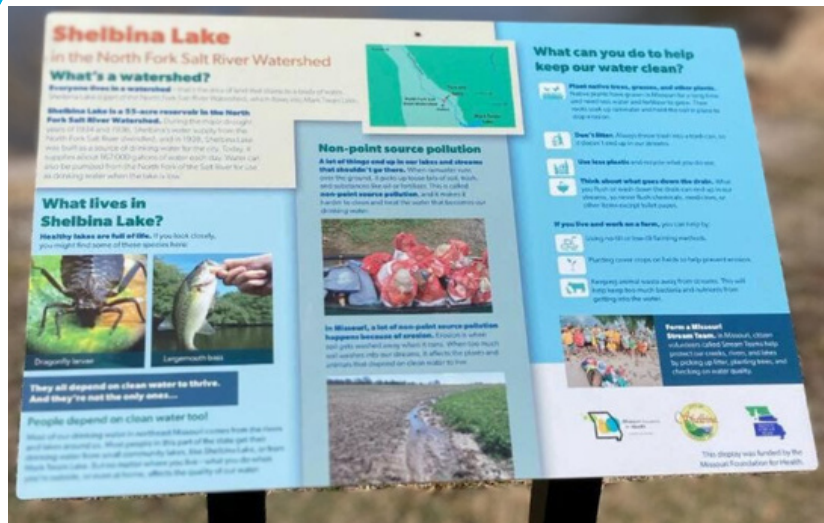
GOALS

Our objective is to cultivate a culture of river conservation in Missouri, whereby both the youth and adults of the state possess understanding and admiration for our water resources, empowering them to contribute to solutions. This endeavor is aimed at fostering an improved environment and enhancing the quality of life within our communities. Outlined are the specific goals of our program focus:

Education
Outreach
Stewardship
Advocacy

EDUCATION

Within the Salt River Watershed education and outreach initiative, we oversaw the placement of four informational signs pertaining to watershed education in northeast Missouri. These signs were installed at locations in Kirksville, LaPlata, Shelbina, and Monroe City. For further details regarding this project, please visit: <https://www.streamteamsunited.org/north-fork-salt-river-watershed.html>



In 2022, as part of the Salt River Watershed education and outreach project, Stream Teams United organized a workshop on soil health and conservation practices in northeast Missouri.



In the Shoal Creek Watershed of southwest Missouri, we organized a swift water rescue training certified by the American Canoe Association for local volunteers and Stream Team members, as part of the Shoal Creek Watershed project with Land Learning Foundation, supported by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star Grant (grant 1301.21.071600).

PADDLE MO



We hosted four Paddle MO multi-day educational programs, including our first journey on the James River in southwest Missouri and our first ever trip on the Missouri River in the Kansas City Region. Through these trips, we provided on-water education to over 140 participants in 2022.

The Paddle MO Missouri River trip was hosted for the first time in the Kansas City region, with paddlers traveling 70 miles over 3 days from Atchison, KS to Sugar Creek, MO. The group pauses for a group photo at Kaw Point (above).



The Paddle MO Confluence program hosted paddlers on a 30 mile journey from St. Charles, MO through the confluence with the Mississippi River.

For the 4th Annual Paddle MO Ozarks program, paddlers were guided along 25 miles of the Upper Current River, one of the first rivers designated as a National Scenic Riverway. Paddle MO programs are rich with on-water education and information about the history and ecology of the river and sites of interest.

OUTREACH

In 2022, we hosted 11 full year AmeriCorps members and 4 Summer Associate AmeriCorps members to serve at Stream Team locations around the state!

Members contributed to the expansion of water quality education and the recruitment of youth for Stream Team initiatives. We extend our gratitude to our AmeriCorps members in the Stream Teams United VISTA Program, as well as all participating sites! For further information about our AmeriCorps VISTA project, please visit: <https://www.streamteamsunited.org/ameri-corps.html>



AmeriCorps



STEWARDSHIP

In 2022, Stream Teams United joined forces with the Land Learning Foundation for a collaborative initiative aimed at restoring the Shoal Creek Watershed in southwest Missouri. This included an ecological restoration project located at the confluence of Hickory and Shoal Creeks, north of Neosho, MO. For additional details, please visit www.shoalcreekwatershed.org.

Working alongside Stream Team members, local students and educators, and community organizations, we planted more than 1,600 trees at the restoration site. To view a video featuring the tree planting project, visit <https://www.streamteamsunited.org/shoal-creek-watershed.html>

Supported by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 5-Star grant, Stream Teams United collaborated as a partner on this project throughout 2022. The Land Learning Foundation is leading the collaborative effort to restore the Hickory/Shoal Creek confluence site and encourage stewardship of the watershed.



Through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star Grant, four canoes and a canoe trailer were purchased for use by Stream Teams within the Shoal Creek watershed.

We provided support to four Missouri Stream Team Associations throughout the state by providing funding or purchasing for them native plants, dumpster costs, event expenses, and educational support. Volunteers with the South Grand River Watershed Alliance planted 1,300 native plant plugs along Highline Trail in Peculiar, MO in May 2022. The project was supported by a Conservation Federation of Missouri David A. Risberg Memorial Grant



ADVOCACY

In 2022, we organized our 2nd Annual Clean Water Day at the Missouri State Capitol. This event honored numerous legislators championing positive legislation for Missouri waterways while offering Stream Teams and the public a chance to engage with their elected officials.



Additionally, we monitored 183 bills throughout the legislative session, conducted an advocacy workshop, submitted multiple comment letters and calls to action, and delivered public comments on critical issues. For further insights into water advocacy endeavors in Missouri, please visit the "Advocate" section on streamteamsunited.org.



SUPPORTERS

Thank you to the 2022 supporters and grant funding organizations of Stream Teams United. There are many ways to support the Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition.

- Donate online through Patagonia Action Works, with no processing fee
- Donate in Memory or Honor of a friend or family member
- Pledge a recurring donation each month, quarter, or year and be recognized as part of our Water Penny Club (recurring donors)
- Showcase a Great Rivers State license plate - Donate \$25 annually and show your love for Missouri, the Great Rivers State, as you drive
- Sponsor Paddle MO – Support our one-of-a-kind river adventure. Support scholarships, educators, and crew expenses.
- Raffle, Give-a-Way, and Silent Auction items – Donations of any kind are welcome. Send us a message or call 573-586-0747.



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WHAT'S NEXT?

For additional information about Stream Teams United or to subscribe to our weekly news bulletin, kindly visit streamteamsunited.org. For details regarding Paddle MO and available trip opportunities, please explore paddlemo.org. To learn more about the Missouri Clean Marina Program, visit mocleanmarina.org. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our volunteer board members whose dedication makes Stream Teams United thrive!

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