



MSTWC

MISSOURI STREAM TEAM WATERSHED COALITION

Annual Report 2012

A Summary of MSTWC Activities

The Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition (MSTWC) is a not-for-profit organization made up of representatives from Stream Team Associations throughout the state. Associations are groups of Stream Teams who work together within watersheds. MSTWC 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 18 Stream Team Associations across the state.



MSTWC works to further the efforts of the Stream Team Program and Stream Team Associations by focusing on the following goals. Check out some of the ripples we made as we flowed through 2012.

Education and Outreach

MSTWC provides educational tools and resources to the Stream Team Program, Stream Team Associations, and Stream Team members.

- With partner Ozarks Water Watch hosted the first statewide 319 Nonpoint Source Summit funded in part by a Department of Natural Resources 319 Grant.
- With partner Ozarks Water Watch received funding from the Department of Natural Resources 319 Program to create and implement a Missouri Clean Marina Program.
- Used not-for-profit status to act as sponsoring entity for the Mill Creek Watershed Coalition's application for a Department of Natural Resources 319 Grant to create an education/outreach program for the Mill Creek watershed.
- Continued to support an electronic e-mail system that can be utilized by Stream Team Program staff and MSTWC, allowing Stream Team members to receive Program and issue information via e-mail.

Technical

MSTWC acts as a technical resource for Stream Team members and the Stream Team Program.

- ◆ With funding from the Department of Conservation, published the *Bull Creek Watershed Visual Assessment Survey* with Ozarks Water Watch and Missouri State University.
- ◆ Served as technical stakeholder on issues related to water resource management and protection.

Sustainable Funding

MSTWC is working to establish sustainable funding to support the operational expenses of the organization. We are hopeful that a sustainable funding revenue stream will also improve our ability to support Stream Team Associations and the Stream Team Program.

- ◆ Over 200 Personalized Stream Team License Plates hit the road! For each plate purchased, a donation to MSTWC was included in the price.
- ◆ Assisted Stream Teams in properly disposing of over 3,600 tires with disposal costs of \$8,659 reimbursed through the Chuck and Sharon Tryon Revolving Tire Fund which provides financial assistance to Stream Teams disposing of tires collected during cleanup events.



Advocacy

MSTWC acts as an advocate on issues that affect the quality of our state's water resources. As a not-for-profit, MSTWC cannot act as a lobbying organization. However, MSTWC does work to provide issue information to Stream Team members, provide comment to agencies, legislators, and other governmental officials on specific issues, and encourages Stream Team members to voice their concerns on water-related projects.

- ◆ Encouraged advocacy in the Stream Team community through electronically disseminated "Issue Alerts."
- ◆ Represent water resources in stakeholder engagement processes.
- ◆ Host the MSTWC Facebook page which educates followers about current water resource issues through current event posts.

To learn more about MSTWC, please visit www.mstwc.org.