

OUR MISSOURI WATERS INITIATIVE

Scope: Regional/Watershed

Location: Missouri

SCOPE:

- » Pilot program instituted by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) to protect and improve water quality. Includes a Source Water Protection program called the Missouri Source Water Protection Program.
- » Focuses on three pilot watersheds in Missouri: the Big River Watershed, the Lower Grand River Watershed, and the Spring River Watershed. In total, the three watersheds comprise 3 of 66 eight-digit hydrologic units that occur within Missouri.
- » All 66 eight-digit hydrologic units have been organized within a five-year rotational pattern for targeting water quality improvements, synchronizing NPDES permits and organizing collaborative efforts within each watershed.
- » Organizes collaboration between regional stakeholders and state as well as federal partners.

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COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

- » Preliminary summit meetings for each pilot brought together local and regional stakeholders with state and federal representatives.
- » Summit meetings reviewed water quality conditions and identified significant concerns within each watershed.
- » Each pilot was assigned a department coordinator to steer planning efforts.
- » Initial priority was to create a 'tool box' of resources for each pilot, including information on all relevant federal, state and other financial assistance programs and technical assistance

MEMBERS:

Members and partners on each project are too numerous to list here, but the below list is representative of participation within each watershed:

- » Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- » Missouri Department of Conservation
- » Missouri Department of Agriculture
- » Missouri Department of Economic Development
- » United States Environmental Protection Agency
- » United States Forest Service
- » United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- » United States Department of Agriculture
- » Natural Resource Conservation Service
- » Missouri Public Utility Alliance
- » Missouri Rural Water Association
- » Midwest Assistance Program
- » University of Missouri Extension
- » County Soil and Water Conservation Districts