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MISSOURI STREAM TEAM
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Start a Missouri
**STREAM
TEAM**

*and tackle the fun of protecting
Missouri's waterways!*

Education
Stewardship
Advocacy
for Missouri's streams



MISSOURI'S STREAMS NEED YOUR HELP



All Missourians rely on streams in one way or another and many of our streams could use a little help. They need teams of people who love clean water, good fishing and healthy habitat to take care of them, year after year. That's why the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Federation of Missouri joined to develop the Stream Team Program in 1989.

Promoting citizen awareness and involvement, Stream Team is a fun, hands-on program for people who want to learn about, care for and protect local waterways. If you're ready to start a Stream Team and tackle the fun of protecting Missouri's streams, just fill out and return the form on the next page.

Soon you'll receive information and opportunities for technical assistance that will help your team adopt a stream, assess its condition and make a game plan for taking care of it.

ANYONE CAN START A STREAM TEAM

Individuals and families: If there's a stream in your community that you and your neighbors are concerned about, you can form a Stream Team to adopt it.

Schools and youth groups: Stream Team is a great way for schools, colleges and universities to teach students about stream ecology while restoring and protecting a local stream.

Community, church or service group: What better way to serve your community than by adopting, cleaning up and maintaining the health and beauty of a neighborhood waterway?



WHAT IF THERE'S ALREADY A STREAM TEAM IN MY COMMUNITY?

Before you start a Stream Team in your area, you might want to check and see if there's already a team you can join. Call (573) 522-4115, ext. 3591 or (800) 781-1989 (voice mail) to inquire. We can introduce you to existing teams or help you coordinate with others in your region.

WE PROVIDE LOTS OF TRAINING AND SUPPORT



Education

Learning all you can about Missouri's 110,000 miles of flowing water is as easy as it is fun. Stream Team provides training and information to help you better understand our stream systems and the problems and opportunities they face.

Stewardship

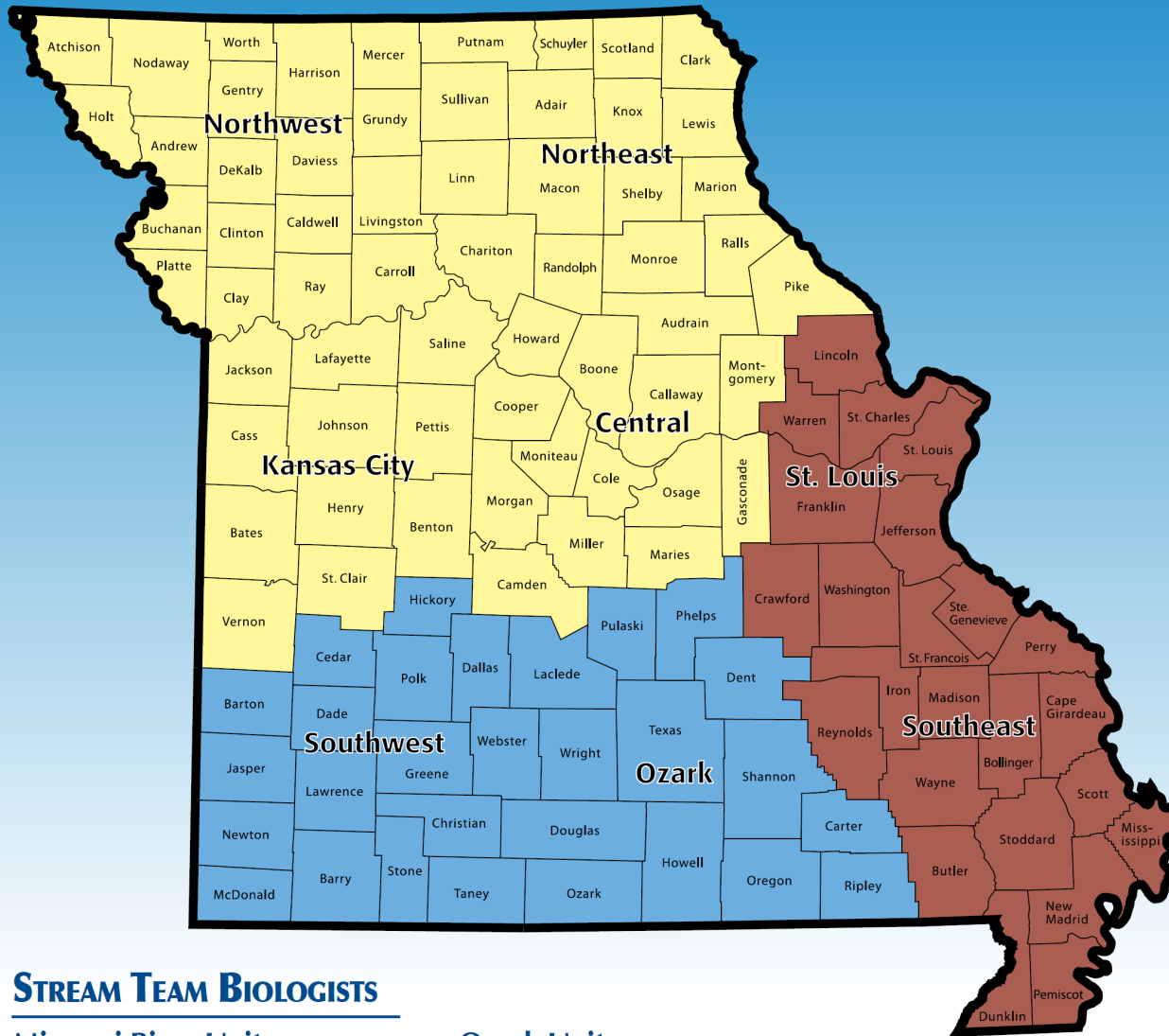
Hands-on projects such as litter control, stream bank stabilization, streamside tree planting, water quality monitoring and storm drain stenciling are all strategies in restoring and sustaining stream health. Stream Team can help you plan a project or match you with one from another agency or organization.

Advocacy

Speaking on behalf of your adopted stream when development projects or harmful activities tamper with them is not as difficult as you might think. Once you have gained firsthand knowledge of problems, solutions, and needs you will be able to speak out on behalf of Missouri's stream resources. You may want to write a letter, attend a meeting or find another way to advocate for your stream's health.

**GETTING STARTED IS AS EASY AS SENDING
IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!**

Don't hesitate to call the Stream Team biologist for your area if you have questions. See the list below and give us a call!



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

1-800-781-1989 (voicemail) or
(573) 751-4115, ext. 3591

You can also write to us at:

Stream Team
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

Or e-mail us at:

streamteam@mdc.mo.gov

Or visit our web site at:

www.mostreamteam.org

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Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

REGISTRATION FORM

Stream Team number _____

(Will be assigned upon receipt of registration form.)

Please tell us about yourself and your Stream Team.

I am a . . . Educator/teacher Streamside landowner

Our group is a . . . Family School/youth group Community, church or service group

Most of us are . . . Youths Adults

What's your Stream Team's name? _____

Example: "Cole County Crew"

Contact person name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP code _____

County of residence _____

Home phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Web site _____

What's the name of the stream or river you want to adopt?

Name _____ County of adopted stream _____

Exact location of adopted stream reach, from upstream to downstream. Example: "From Hwy. T bridge to Smith's Access" or "From Hwy. T bridge to 3 miles downstream." _____

Who else is on your Stream Team? (Attach extra sheet if necessary. Include members wanting to receive mailings. Teachers, it is not necessary to include your students' names.)

| Name | Address | City/State/ZIP | Phone |
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What activities are you interested in doing?

- Litter pickup on streams
- Storm drain stenciling
- Working with other groups in my watershed
- Other (please specify) _____
- Water quality monitoring
- Stream management on
 - rural land
 - urban land

Take the Stream Team pledge

As a Stream Team member, I promise to do the following:

- ◆ Remember that I live in a watershed and anything I do in that watershed can affect a stream positively or negatively.
- ◆ Learn all I can about Missouri streams.
- ◆ Engage in activities that promote and preserve the health of Missouri streams.
- ◆ Conduct myself in a professional manner so that my actions do not affect negatively my Stream Team, other Stream Teams or the Stream Team program as a whole.
- ◆ Consider others' points of view regarding water resource issues; recognize that our state's waters serve many purposes, some of which may appear to conflict; and advocate for the health and values of Missouri streams based on good science and accurate data.
- ◆ Respect the property rights of private landowners and always ask permission before entering private land.
- ◆ Report my Stream Team activities so that my efforts can be included with all other Stream Team activities to show that we are making a difference locally and globally.

Signature _____

(I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Missouri Stream Team sponsors, officer, agents, and assigns from any and all liability for claims, demands, and actions from any and all volunteer activities in which I or my Stream Team group may participate.)