

Adopt A Stream!

Form a Missouri Stream Team



Have you ever wondered how you could help protect rivers and streams?

It's easy! Adopt your favorite stream through the Stream Team Program!

We can help you get started by answering a few commonly asked questions.

What is Stream Team?

Missouri Stream Team is a working partnership of citizens who are concerned about Missouri streams. The Stream Team Program provides an opportunity for all interests to get involved in river conservation. Citizens attending the first Rivers and Streams Conference in 1988 set the following Stream Team goals:

- 1. Education:** Learning all you can about Missouri's 56,000 miles of flowing water is as easy as it is fun. Stream Team provides training and information to better understand our stream systems and the problems and opportunities they face.
- 2. Stewardship:** "Hands-on" projects such as litter control, streambank stabilization, streamside tree planting, water quality monitoring, and storm drain stenciling, are all possibilities. Stream Team can help you plan a project or match you with an agency or organization effort.

3. 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. Those who have gained firsthand knowledge of problems, solutions, and needs are best equipped 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 get involved.

How Does It Work?

It's easy! Sign up and the ball will begin rolling. You will begin to receive information in the mail. You can adopt a stream, determine river values and problems, and plan projects based on your assessments. Technical assistance will be provided if needed. Stream Team can serve as a network to other Team members, or each individual can work on his or her own.



How Do I Join?

Stream Team membership is free to any interested citizen, family, or organization. You may adopt any stream or river of your choice, but adoption is not mandatory. We can also suggest streams if you like, or hook you up with other Teams in your area.

To form a Team, complete the attached registration form, detach, seal with tape, and mail with a first-class stamp. Once you sign up, you're set. You will decide what you can do to improve your stream. We'll help you with ideas, support, and materials, but only you have the power over the future course of your Stream Team.



Getting started is as easy as sending in your registration form on the next page!

Missouri Stream Team . . . promoting citizen awareness and involvement in river and stream conservation.

• EDUCATION • STEWARDSHIP • ADVOCACY •



REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and mail to: Stream Team
PO Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

Stream Team Number: _____
(For office use only)

Are you an: Educator/Teacher Streamside Landowner

Age group: Youth Adult

Group type: Family 4-H Scouts Individual Other _____

Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Web Site: _____

Adopted stream/river name: _____

County: _____

Exact location of adopted stream reach:

From (upstream): _____

To (downstream): _____

(e.g. From Hwy. T bridge to Smith's Access, or From Hwy. T to 3 miles downstream.)

Additional Team Members: (Attach extra sheet if necessary.)

| Name: | Address: | City/State/Zip: | Phone |
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What activities are you interested in?

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

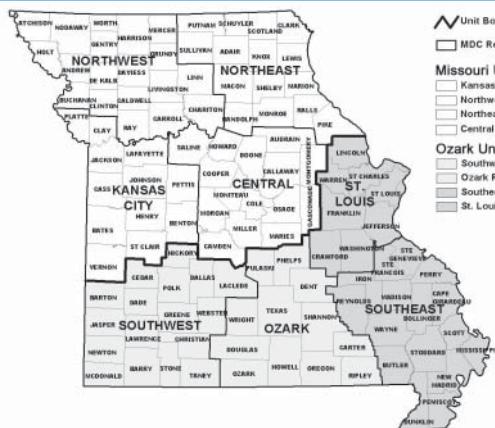
AS A STREAM TEAM MEMBER, I PROMISE TO:

- ◆ 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 negatively affect my Stream Team, other Stream Teams, or the Stream Team program as a whole.
- ◆ Consider the points of view of others on 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 Teams activities to show that we are making a difference locally and globally.

Authorization Signature: _____

(I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Missouri Stream Team sponsors, officers, 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.)

Please don't hesitate to contact the Stream Team Biologist for your county if you have questions.



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How can I get more information?



You can give us a call at:
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573/751-4115 (Ask for Stream Team!)

You can also write to us at:
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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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