Greenway Network 2020 Annual Report

Greenway Network Activities were sharply curtailed during 2020 as they were for many organizations. This is a summary of what we were able to accomplish.

First, we mark the passing of our Founder and Vice President Greg Poleski. His loss has left a huge hole in our organization and we will continue to struggle to fill it. We are determined to keep his organization strong, financially healthy and to keep is legacy of river advocacy alive.

- Big Muddy Speaker Series. We were able to hold 3 events this year with the final one being held socially distanced outdoors. This was a huge success and we anticipate holding at least one such event each year.
- River Soundings was cancelled.
- Confluence Trash Bash was cancelled.
- Jennings School Water Day project. A huge event was planned for the entire middle school with over 30 volunteers on deck to assist. We are able to provide t-shirts for their water walk before the lock down started. The rest of the event was cancelled. Purchased food was donated to a local food bank. The rest of the supplies purchased are awaiting a re-imagined event when things are able to open up again.
- Mission: Clean Stream/GM Earth Day. Earth Day festival was cancelled. A few of the municipalities proceeded with socially distanced activities spread out over several days.
- Team Leader Training. Team Leader Special Handling Training was held in Springfield with 25 participants. Backpacks were provided. An Introduction to Team Leading was held in St Louis with 12 participants.
- Race for the Rivers race only portion was held. QQQ paddlers ind QQQ boats participated.
- National Public Lands Day. NPLD was held at a reduced capacity across several sites.
- Hall Street Clean Up. Two events were held. Demonstrating an effective model for working on urban streets and for working on small, quick, highly effective clean ups.

The annual BudgetQQQ insert total in out and cash in bank as of Dec 31

Membership # QQQ

Social Media. The design team at Thought Process Interactive launched a new website for both Greenway Network and Race for the Rivers. The Greenway Network Youtube channel now hosts both the Jayden and Chloe video and a virtual safety talk. We anticipate adding team leader training to the page. Facebook page followers continue to grow and expand. GN 601, R4R 1049, MCS 150.

Volunteer hours QQQ insert volunteers and hours here