



2011 Annual Meeting

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 - *Annual Report*



Greenway Network, Inc.

Annual Report: 2011





Our Mission is to conserve natural resources, encourage sound management of the watersheds, and protect the quality of life for the residents of the St. Louis Metro area.

We do that by creating a network of communication and consensus among citizens, government leaders and other organizations that share our goals. Most of all, we encourage everyone to 'act locally' to make it happen.

Our region is rich in water resources and native wildlife habit. It is a land of abundant river bottoms, fragile wetlands, tranquil riparian woods, and rolling hillsides along soaring bluffs. But, our region is also one of the fastest growing areas in the Midwest. Our western area population has more than doubled in the last twenty years! We believe people can live in harmony with nature if we plan and make decisions wisely. Greenway Network is your "eyes, ears, and voice" in that process, working to conserve what is naturally best about the St. Louis Metro area.

Board of Directors

- Charlene Waggoner, President
- Abby Broadstone, Vice President
- Jim Burris, Vice President
- Larry Ruff – Treasurer
- David Hartman, Secretary
- Jessica Rowe
- Kelly Heidt
- Mike Garvey,
- Greg Poleski

- Ralph Rollins, Project Director
- Gerry Boehm, Education Coordinator

- Ron Williams, emeritus
- Jane Bishop, emeritus



Financial Report

- 98 Paid members
- \$36,785.94 Cash on hand
- \$1425.00 Dedicated funds



MISSION: CLEAN STREAM



In 2011

- We recruited 1012 volunteers who collected 20,000 lbs of trash and hundreds of tires.
- Greenway Network arranged and paid for the proper disposal of the tires.
- A new site, Cora Island, was added.

Greenway Network coordinates Mission Clean Stream. This county-wide effort includes the cities of St Charles, Cottleville, Dardenne Prairie, O'Fallon and Wentzville; St Charles County Division of Health and Environmental Services; and the St Charles Soil and Water Conservation District.



Dardenne Days

- Two times a year Greenway Network Biologists collaboration with Stream Team volunteers and students from local high schools to sample the entire length of Dardenne Creek. This semiannual event provides the State of Missouri and interested members of the public with an snapshot picture of the creek. This data allows for planning and can identify areas of concern along the Stream.
- 2011 Monitored 19 Dardenne Creek sites in May and again in October with the help of over 30 volunteers.
- Testing carried out by
Brookside Environmental Services



Barat Academy Service Learning Project

Barat Academy: Greenway Network worked with freshmen from Barat Academy as part of their environmental service-learning project. Students were given training in water quality monitoring. They were then supervised as they assisted in sampling sites on an unnamed tributary in Wentzville. Over the past four years, Barat students have been responsible for the removal of hundreds of invasive honeysuckle plants in the riparian corridor. They have marked storm drains educating the residents of St. Charles County of the importance of keeping our streams clean. They have removed truck loads of trash from local streams. In addition to tasks in the field these students are also given a chance to work on the organizational side of a non-profit by doing office tasks and preparing materials for demonstrations.



Invasive Removal

- Pere Marquette State Park
 - A dozen Greenway volunteers cleared a fence row.



Stream Trash ART

- The START project was imagined by Ralph Rollins, Project Director for Greenway Network. He organizes artists to create sculptures from trash that is collected during Mission: Clean Stream. Sculptures produced by the START artists have been on display in communities, galleries and at festivals throughout the Confluence Region. The goal of this work is to serve as a lasting reminder of why we need to keep our waters clean. Today you may see sculptures on display in the city halls of Cottleville and Dardenne Prairie. Several of the sculptures have received artistic awards. **Cee Kay Supply, Inc sponsored the project in 2011.**



Earth Day Activities

- Greenway Network supports several Earth Day Activities throughout the region. by bringing our educational booth, providing support to organizations such as ESMO and providing hands on activities to festival attendees. Members of the Greenway Board assist in planning events such as the Earth Day St Louis Symposium.
- Earth Day St Louis
 - Sunprinting
 - Continued participation in advising new Earth Day vendors
 - Official Sponsor
- Washington, MO Riverfest
 - Upcycled bracelet project
- GM Earth Day 2011



Sunpainting

- Greenway Network works with groups to remove invasives such as honeysuckle from properties. We work to educate the public about invasive species and the problems they cause. The Greenway Network team uses sunpainting as a mechanism to help people remember what they have learned. We provide donated fabric to a group of quilters who create an annual quilt and then we Raffle the quilt to provide funds to support the project.



The Sunlight Quilt Project

In 2011, the Thimble and Threads Quilt Guild of St Louis, under the leadership of Pat Ferrel created the annual Sunlight Quilt. Funding from the raffle goes to support the Sunpainting/Invasive species education projects and other riparian restoration efforts.

Raffle will be held on Nov 19 at the River Soundings Seminar.

Tickets are still available!



RACE FOR THE RIVERS

To raise awareness of our river resources and to raise funds to support Greenway Network's clean water education, restoration, research and recreation projects.

To attract a new audiences to issues of resource conservation and clean water.



Katy Trail Ride

- New 5 and 25 mile rides
- Katy Trail
- Trailnet/DNR



Race for the Rivers 2011

Summary Statistics

- 150 Riders
- 30 + booths
- 4 Bands
- Food
- Beer
- Demonstrations
- Pirates
- Canon





2011 Major sponsors

- **Thought Process Interactive**
Presenting Sponsor
- **Walmart**
- **Great Rivers Greenway**
- TRAILNET
- St Charles County Amateur Radio Club
- St Charles Parks and Recreation
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Mitchell James Salon
- Second St Bike Stop Café
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Plank Road
- Bob Parr
- *Opportunities exist for 2012 Sponsorship*



River Soundings 2011

- **November 18 and 19, 2011**
- **Forest Park Visitors Center, Education Lab, St. Louis, Missouri**



River Soundings 2011

- Wayne Nelson, *Missouri River Resource Coordinator; US Fish and Wildlife*
- Tom Bell, *Manager Big Muddy Refuge; US Fish and Wildlife*
- Steve Schnarr, *River Relief*
- Rob Koenig, *Washington Correspondent for the St. Louis Beacon*
- Judd Kneuvean, *Chief of Emergency Management, Missouri River, Army Corp of Engineers*
- Danny Brown, *Fisheries Management Biologist, Missouri Dept of Conservation*
- Dr. Patricia Hagen, *Director Audubon Center of Riverlands*
- R. Michael Bush, *Riverkeeper*
- Brad Walker, *Missouri Coalition for the Environment*
- Robert Criss PhD, *Washington University Dept of Earth and Planetary Sciences*
- Bill Lambrecht, *Washington Bureau Chief of the St. Louis Post Dispatch*
- Ben Griffin, *River Kids*
- Sierra Club representative

2011 Grants In Progress

- REI: Creating and Re-Energizing Stream Teams.



- WALMART: Community Grant



- Conservation Federation: Bass Tournament Water Quality Grant

Watkins Creek Management Plan

- Working with community members to develop a plan for Watkins Creek.

And lest we forget



- Fleur Des Lis Rain Garden Program, sponsors
- National Public Lands Day
- Big Muddy Clean Sweep
- Lobby Day
- Provided environmentally safe, reusable water bottles for volunteers through a matching donation project
- Earth Shares Missouri participants, assisting with ESMO booth at events throughout the St Louis Region.
- Sponsors of the Meeting of the Waters Symposium
- Conservation Federation of Missouri Annual Meeting
- Greenway Board members sit on boards and committees addressing environmental issues throughout the region.

Affiliations, Collaborations and Partnerships

Greenway Network is Stream Team number 463. It is the Missouri Stream Team Association that represents St. Charles County. As such a board member of Greenway network sits as a with a board member of the Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition which represents thousands of Stream Team volunteers statewide. Larry Ruff has been our representative to Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition and is currently serving as president of that organization. See: www.mstwc.org

Greenway Network is a founding partner in the Confluence Project. Greenway Network Board members participate in Confluence events and planning sessions. Project Director Ralph Rollins is our liaison with the organization developing and overseeing many Confluence restoration projects. (See appendix A for a summary of Mr Rollin's activities including his work with the Confluence on behalf of Greenway Network.)

Greenway Network is an affiliate of the Conservation Federation of Missouri.

Special Recognition City of Portage Des Sioux

For their efforts to restore a portion of the Mississippi River floodplain to a natural riparian corridor providing wildlife habitat, improved water quality, additional flood storage capacity, and a passive recreation facility for the community.



Looking Ahead

- Mission: Clean Stream
 - April 14, 2012
- CREST Refresher and data collection days
- Walmart/Wentzville Planting Day
- Race for the Rivers
 - August 25, 2012

