

Annual Report: 2010



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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 habitat. 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.

MISSION: CLEAN STREAM

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. In 2010 we recruited 708 volunteers who collected 50,000 lbs of trash,. In 2010 Greenway Network teamed with the St Louis Trash Bash to produce coordinated events. An additional 700 volunteers cleared over 30 tons of trash in St Louis City and County on the same day.



Together Green

The Together Green project was a grant earned by Project director, Ralph Rollins as part of his Audubon fellowship. The grant covered planting native plants and grasses at the Portage Des Sioux Nature Area. Sixty one volunteers planted 5307 “plugs” in three hours.



Towne Park

The Towne Park project was another successful MDC grant written and designed by Ralph Rollins in conjunction with the St Charles County Park system. For this project, 36 volunteers planted 400 trees in two mornings. In addition to the volunteers recruited from the general public, students from Barat Academy also worked on this project at the newest and as yet unopened St Charles County Park.



Dardenne Days

- Two times a year Greenway Network Biologists collaborate with Stream Team volunteers and students from local high schools to sample the entire length of Dardenne Creek in St. Charles County. This semiannual event provides the State of Missouri and interested members of the public with a snapshot picture of the creek. This data allows for planning and can identify areas of concern along the Stream.
- Several members of Greenway Network are Stream Team experts who provide training and assistance to Stream Teams throughout the region.
- Testing carried out by
Brookside Environmental Services



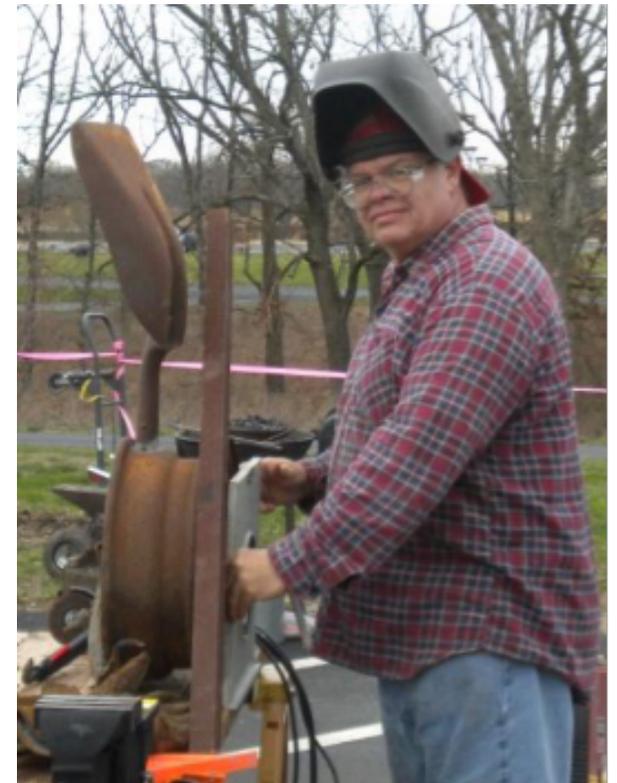
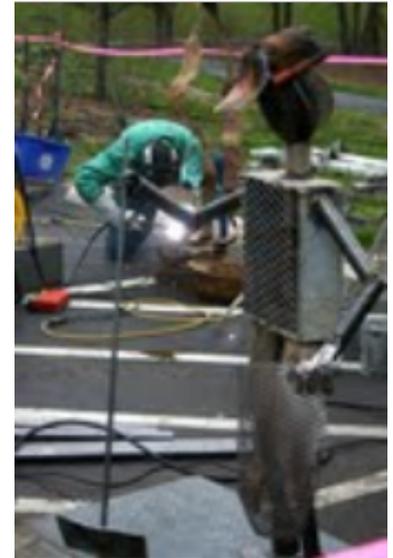
Barat Academy Service Learning Project

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 three years, Barat students have been responsible for the removal of hundreds of invasive honeysuckle plants in the riparian corridor of Peruque Creek. 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.



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. This past March, 700 volunteers pulled 25 tons of trash from the streams and creeks in St Charles County. 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 2010.



START Fundraiser



This year the Mission Clean Stream committee instituted a raffle and a charitable auction to raise funds to support the project

Sunpainting

- Greenway Network works with groups to remove invasives such as honeysuckle from riparian areas of local streams. 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 2010, the Crossroads Quilters produced two quilts which were quilted by Feather Touch Quilting. The quilts were raffled at the annual meeting . Funding from the raffle goes to support the Sunpainting/Invasive species education projects and other riparian restoration efforts.



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. Greenway Network also facilitates bringing the Stream Trash ART artists under the coordination of Ralph Rollins to events. 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
- Washington, MO Riverfest
 - Sunprinting
 - Stream Trash ART project



Race for the Rivers

Why we do this:

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

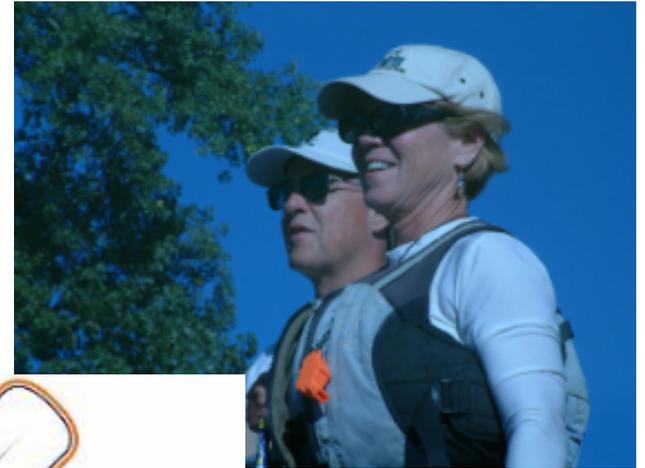
To attract a new audiences to issues of resource conservation and clean water.



Race for the Rivers 2010

Summary Statistics

- 62 racers
- 50 boats
- 4 bands
- 30 booths
- Food
- Beer



Race for the Rivers

2010 Major sponsors

- Thought Process Interactive
Presenting Sponsor
 - Walmart
 - Great Rivers Greenway
 - St Charles County Amateur Radio Club
 - St Charles Parks and Recreation
 - Missouri Department of Conservation
 - Dos Lunas Tequila
 - Mitchell James Salon
 - Baue
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- Opportunities exist for 2011 Sponsorship



And lest we forget

- We Participated in OCS--the Annual Meramec River Watershed Clean up
- Lobby Day
- Provided environmentally safe, reusable water bottles for volunteers through a matching donation project
- Sponsored the Meeting of the Waters Symposium
- Conservation Federation of Missouri Annual Meeting
- Assisted Missouri River Relief
- Greenway Board members sit on boards and committees addressing environmental issues throughout the region.
- Installed educational Signage at Brommelsiek Park in St. Charles County.



Affiliations and Collaborations

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 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 member of a collaborative team in the Confluence Project. Greenway Network Board members participate in Confluence events and planning sessions. We provide our Project Director Ralph Rollins, for 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

Greenway Network gives awards to deserving individuals for their environmental impact.

- **Priscilla Stotts**

Recognition for years of service to Clean Water Education

- **Wilke Land Company**

Landowner Exemplary Environmental Practice Award

- **Ralph Rollins**

Together Green Audubon Fellowship Recipient.



Looking Ahead

- Mission: Clean Stream
 - April 2, 2011
- Portage Des Sioux Work Day
- Race for the Rivers and Clean Water Challenge
 - August 27-28, 2011
 - Including 40 mile race and bike ride