



# Springfield Area Directory of Environmental Agencies and Organizations

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## **Welcome to the Springfield Area Directory of Environmental Agencies and Organizations...**

...The purpose of this directory is to provide information about government agencies, not-for-profit and member-based organizations serving Springfield and Greene County that are active in protecting our natural environment. The directory has been compiled by Springfield/Greene County *Choose Environmental Excellence* as a service to the community. The directory will be periodically updated to include new submissions as they are received.

In addition to providing contact information for several environmental agencies and organizations, each listing in the directory also provides information that will allow the user to determine which agency or organization will best meet a particular need.

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[www.springfieldmo.gov/cee](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/cee)  
[www.OzarksEnvironment.com](http://www.OzarksEnvironment.com)

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**Mission area** ..... Solid waste and pollution prevention including source reduction, waste prevention, recycling

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory, and partnership programs

**Description:**

The *Environmental Protection Agency's* solid waste and pollution prevention programs promote reducing the amount of waste created through source reduction, waste prevention and recycling. The EPA promotes public/private partnerships to achieve these goals through programs such as WasteWise. EPA also promotes safe and effective management and disposal of solid waste including household and commercial garbage and nonhazardous industrial wastes.

# U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

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**Mission areas** ..... Agriculture land use, water  
quality, animal waste, urban  
conservation issues

**Programs available** ..... Technical assistance and  
conservation planning, cost-share  
assistance to install agricultural  
conservation practices.

## **Description:**

Formerly the Soil Conservation Service, the *NRCS* provides conservation planning, technical assistance and cost assistance to clients (individuals, groups, and units of government). These clients develop and implement conservation plans to protect, conserve, and enhance natural resources (soil, water, air, plants, and animals) within their related social and economic interests. Financial assistance programs can help apply these conservation plans on agricultural land.

Conservation planning is a natural resource problem—solving and management process. The process integrates ecological, economic, and social considerations to meet private and public needs. Conservation planning helps clients, conservationists, and others view the environment as a living system of which humans are an integral part. NRCS works with cropland, hayland, pastureland and woodland resources.

*NRCS* is a Federal Agency under the U.S. Department of Agriculture that works in cooperation with, and provides housing for, the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District.



# Missouri Department of Conservation Nature Center

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Nature Center

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**Mission areas** ..... Wildlife, fisheries, forestry, and  
education

**Programs available** ..... Public education, volunteers

## **Description:**

The Springfield Conservation Nature Center is an interpretive center under the direction of the *Missouri Department of Conservation*. The Nature Center involves the public in nature awareness and facilitates the wise use of resources.

In the exhibit area, visitors are exposed to a variety of natural communities. On the 2.86 miles of trails, they can also experience several different types of wildlife and habitats firsthand. The Center offers educational programming to schools, organizations and the general public year round, and the exhibits are available 5 ½ to 6 days a week.



# Missouri Department of Conservation Service Center

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**Mission areas** ..... Wildlife, land use

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory, public education, research, training

## **Description**

The *Missouri Department of Conservation* regulates the state's fish, forest and wildlife resources. This authority includes establishing hunting and fishing seasons, limits and methods, and enforcing wildlife codes. The MDC offers educational programs for schools and at nature centers around the state. Landowner services in areas that include forestry, wildlife habitat development, fisheries, stream stabilization and pond development and management are also offered.



# Missouri Department of Conservation Storm Drain Stenciling Project

**Department**..... Missouri Department of Conservation

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**Mission areas**..... Water quality, stream stewardship, watershed education

**Programs available**..... Curriculum, public education training, volunteers

**Web site**..... [www.mostreamteam.org](http://www.mostreamteam.org)

**Description:**

The *Missouri Storm Drain Stenciling Project* involves citizen volunteers in stenciling storm drains with the slogan “DUMP NO WASTE, DRAINS TO STREAMS,” educating the community and cleaning up litter. Qualifying volunteers receive free Storm Drain Stenciling Kits containing instructions, background information, and stencils. A supporting curriculum and video is also available.

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Air Pollution Control

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**Mission areas** ..... Air quality  
**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory  
**Web site** ..... [www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

**Description:**

The *Southwest Regional Air Pollution Control Unit* serves the southwest area of the state of Missouri with the exception of the City of Springfield, which has an air quality regulatory agency of its own.

The *Air Pollution Control Unit*:

- Provides information about environmental laws and regulations
- Investigates complaints from concerned citizens
- Conducts inspections of facilities that are sources of regulated air pollutants

The Regional office staff works daily with air pollution issues and problems to provide access to the *Missouri Department of Natural Resources Air Pollution Control Program* at a local level.

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Hazardous Waste Management

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<b><u>Department</u></b> .....	Hazardous Waste Management
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<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Hazardous Waste Management
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Advisory, regulatory

**Description:**

The *Hazardous Waste Unit* provides the following services:

- Technical assistance related to hazardous waste management and disposal
- Interpretation of state and federal hazardous waste regulations
- Investigation of complaints related to hazardous waste
- Compliance evaluation inspections at facilities that generate hazardous waste

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Public Drinking Water

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**Mission areas** ..... Public drinking water  
**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory

## **Description:**

The *Public Drinking Water Unit* enforces regulations for public water supplies in 25 Southwest Missouri counties. A public water supply has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of 25 or more persons at least 60 days per year.

Activities of the *Unit* include:

- Inspections
- Investigation of complaints, emergencies, and unsafe samples
- Technical assistance
- Promulgation of boil water orders
- Enforcement

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Solid Waste Management

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**Mission areas** ..... Solid Waste Management  
**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory  
**Web site** ..... [www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

## **Description:**

The *Solid Waste Management Unit* strives to help the state of Missouri reduce, reuse, and recycle its solid waste. Further, the *Unit* ensures compliance with solid waste laws and regulations.

The *Unit* provides the following services:

- Complaint investigation related to illegal disposal of solid waste
- Enforcement of solid waste laws and regulations
- Inspection of landfills, transfer stations, and waste tire facilities
- Technical assistance related to recycling, solid waste disposal, and waste tire disposal

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Water Pollution Control

**Branch** ..... Southwest Regional Office

**Department** ..... Water Pollution Control

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**Mission areas** ..... Water quality

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory

**Description:**

The *Water Pollution Control Unit* administers regulations and/or provides technical assistance to the following areas:

- Wastewater discharge permitting
- Wastewater treatment facility construction
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance evaluation
- Animal waste facilities
- Water quality investigations and monitoring

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Water Pollution Control (Engineering)

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**Department** ..... Water Pollution Control  
Engineering

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**Mission areas** ..... Water quality

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory

**Description:**

The *Engineering Section* of the *Water Pollution Control Unit* provides technical assistance for the implementation of the Missouri Clean Water Act. The *Unit's* primary functions are as follows:

- Technical review of engineering plans and specifications for proposed and upgraded wastewater treatment facilities in order to assure compliance with design regulations
- Construction inspections of approved wastewater treatment facilities
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance evaluations

**Missouri Department of  
Natural Resources –  
Water Pollution Control (Engineering)  
*Drinking Water Engineering/Assistance***

**Branch** ..... Southwest Regional Office

**Department** ..... Water Pollution Control /  
***Drinking Water Engineering &  
Assistance***

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**Mission areas** ..... Water quality

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory

**Description:**

The *Engineering Section* of the *Drinking Water Engineering and Assistance Unit* provides technical assistance for the implementation of the Missouri Clean Water Act. The *Unit's* primary functions are as follows:

- Construction inspections of approved public water systems
- Final inspection of public water systems construction projects
- Sanitary surveys of public water system capital needs
- Training of public water system operators
- Technical Assistance

# Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC)

**Branch** ..... Executive Branch

**Department** ..... Missouri Emergency  
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(MERC)

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**Description:**

The mission of the *Missouri Emergency Response Commission* is to protect public health and the environment by assisting communities with chemical incident prevention, preparedness, response and recovery; and by receiving, processing and reporting on chemical information received under the community right-to-know laws.

# Missouri State University Bull Shoals Field Station

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**Mission Area(s)**.....Ecology/biological research;  
education about Missouri Ozarks  
ecosystems

**Programs available**.....Leopold Education Project (LEP),  
Bull Shoals Lake; Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE), a summer  
residential program of ecology learning and service for students entering 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades

**Organizations Description**: The Bull Shoals Field Station is operated by the Missouri State  
University and is located in Kirbyville, MO within the Drury Conservation Area. The Field  
Station’s mission is to provide a location for faculty, students, and visiting scientists to  
conduct research and educational programs that increase public understanding of southwest  
Missouri ecosystems. Facilities include a classroom building, two dormitory residences, and  
a large outdoor shelter.

# Missouri Stream Teams

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**Mission areas**..... Water quality, environmental  
education, watershed  
improvement

**Programs available**..... Curriculum, Storm Drain  
Stenciling, Water Quality  
Monitoring, Adopt-An-  
Access

## **Description**

The Missouri Stream Team Program enables volunteers to help protect and improve Missouri streams. The Program is, arguably, the best in the nation, and is emulated by many other states. Training and equipment is provided for numerous activities including litter pickups, water quality monitoring, educational projects, tree planting, storm drain stenciling, and other projects. The Program is administered by three sponsors: the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Conservation Federation of Missouri. There is no cost or obligation to become a Stream Team.

# Southwest Missouri Resource Conservation and Development (RC & D) Council

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**Mission areas** ..... Fire protection, forestry and  
grassland management, water  
quality, Water quantity, air  
quality, soil erosion, fisheries,  
wildlife, outreach and  
sustainability

## **Projects in 2009**

### **Water Quality and Quantity**

- Sponsored South Missouri Water Quality Project (serving the Upper White River Basin) congressional funding request to Congressman Roy Blunt
- Sponsored feral hog education, school sewage treatment study, riparian corridor tree planting and fencing, septic system replacement, sewage lateral line replacement, and septic tank clean-outs (funded by US Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Partnered with South Missouri Water Quality Project Office to install irrigation flow meters at demonstration crop farms, completed 7,000 acres of irrigation conservation plans (funded by Missouri Department of Natural Resources)

### **Fire Protection**

- Trained fire departments and homeowners to protect their homes from wildfire; held Firewise Open Houses; completed homeowner fire risk assessments; educated public about fire protection through billboards; movie theater, TV and radio; and provided cost share for landowners who suffered ice storm and tornado damage to their forestland to grind and slash forest debris (funded by USDA Forest Service)

### **Forestry**

- Forester funded by NRCS and the Missouri Department of Conservation—works with landowners to help them manage their forests and wildlife; plan and plant windbreaks, odorbreaks, community tree plantings, and riparian corridor buffers; and assist USDA programs

### **Sustainability**

- Participating in Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Stewardship Ozarks Initiative. Donations to Southwest Missouri RC&D Endowment will be matched 100% and will be used to improve our ability to impact our natural resources and our community for years to come

# State Emergency Management Agency – Hazardous Materials Program

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**Mission areas**..... All hazard planning to  
include hazardous materials  
**Programs available**..... Planning, guidance, and  
information & education  
brochures

## **Description:**

*SEMA's Hazardous Materials Program* assists the local jurisdiction and first responders in preparing response plans, procedures and checklists for hazardous materials incidents in accordance with federal and state regulations, laws and guidance. *SEMA* can assist in scheduling awareness and operational level training and distribute *FEMA* and *SEMA* publications on request. *SEMA* also assists local jurisdictions in developing, conducting, and evaluating hazardous material exercises.

# University of Missouri Extension

**Branch** ..... Greene County

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Specialist

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**Mission areas** ..... Youth development

**Programs available** ..... Public education, volunteers

**Web site** ..... [www.outreach.missouri.edu/greene/](http://www.outreach.missouri.edu/greene/)

**Description:**

The Greene County *University of Missouri Extension* offers youth leadership and community service programs related to environmental issues for young people ages 5 to 18. Adult volunteers guide and support youth activities.

# University of Missouri Extension – Environmental Assistance Center

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<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Sustainability, waste reduction, pollution prevention
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Pollution prevention training, interns for industrial P2 research, education, technical assistance

## **Description:**

Since 1991, the University of Missouri Extension’s Office of Waste Management education in pollution prevention and best practices to numerous business sectors from its Springfield, Missouri location. Recently the OWM was integrated into the University of Missouri—Columbia. Now called the Missouri Environmental Assistance Center (EAC), the program combines the capabilities of the College of Engineering and Extension’s Business Development Program.

The EAC offers:

- 1) Pollution prevention assistance for new and expanding business and industries. Our website identifies ways to reduce pollution before it is generated by increasing efficient use of raw materials, energy, water, and other resources through process modifications and better technologies, and by substituting environmentally preferable products, raw materials or packaging.
- 2) Regulatory compliance assistance – what to expect and where to find it in MDNR and EPA
- 3) Financial Assistance – building environmental savings into business plans and loan applications
- 4) Training on how businesses can reduce waste and cost, in partnership with industry sectors. Businesses can learn how to improve operations and reduce waste through better inventory and supply chain management, maintenance and housekeeping, and employee training.
- 5) Access to research and innovation by the University’s Environmental Scientists and Engineer

# Solid Waste Management District “O”

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**Mission areas** ..... Solid Waste Management/Recycling

## **Programs available**

*Design and implementation of waste reduction programs.* District “O” has a staff that is trained and dedicated to helping you find solutions to address solid waste issues at your home, work, classroom, business or community. *Grant preparation assistance for financial opportunities is available through the District, as well as other sources.* The District awards annual grants for public and private projects that help meet solid waste reduction goals. *Technical Assistance Educational programs* to teach our youth the importance of recycling and preserving our environment.

## **Recycling Centers in Waste District “O”**

Dallas County – Buffalo – 345-2701  
Christian County – Nixa, Ozark, Sparta – 581-2112  
Greene County – Fair Grove – 759-2353 Willard – 742-3033 Republic – 732-9253  
City of Springfield – Several Locations – Recycling Hotline: 864-1904 [www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling)  
Polk County – Bolivar – 327-7956  
Webster County – Marshfield, Seymour – 468-2223

## **Organization Description**

In the early 1990’s, the Missouri Legislature divided the State into several solid waste management districts in an effort to reduce the amount of solid waste disposal statewide by 40%. Solid Waste Management District “O”, formed in 1992, is the result of this State mandate. District “O” includes Dallas, Christian, Greene, Polk, and Webster Counties and the City of Springfield. These entities have been working together for several years to coordinate local environmental efforts, with a commitment to recycling and other waste reduction programs and activities.

An Executive Board consisting of representatives from each member county and the City of Springfield governs District “O” obtaining and sharing information and ideas from county and district advisory boards. The Executive Board works with local residents, businesses, not for profit and governmental organizations to find solutions to solid waste issues. Timothy W. Smith serves as Chair of the Executive Board. District “O” staff works directly with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the administration of various grant opportunities. Grant monies are generated through the tipping fees associated with landfill and transfer station disposal for waste.

# Greene County - County Commission

**Branch** ..... County Commission

**Department** ..... Resource Management  
Department

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**Mission areas** ..... Land use planning, water quality,  
building code enforcement, zoning

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory, training

**Description:**

The Greene County *Resource Management Department*, which operates under the direct authority of Greene County Commission, includes the Planning and Zoning Section, Building Regulations Section and the Environmental Departments. Areas of responsibility for Resource Management also include Building Operations & Maintenance for the County Campus.

The Planning and Zoning Section administers land use and subdivision activities in the unincorporated areas of Greene County. This office also deals with growth and development issues and compliance with zoning regulations. The Greene County Geographic Information System maintains the official county zoning map in cooperation with the Planning and Zoning.

Environmental Section administers the County's stormwater, sinkhole, erosion and sediment control, floodplain and on-site wastewater system regulations. They review proposed development plans and plats for compliance with environmental regulations, performs field inspections and provides information to developers, consultants and the general public regarding environmental issues. The formation of sewer districts within the County is also administered by this office.

Building Regulation reviews building and site development plans, issues required permits and performs inspections to insure compliance with adopted building codes. Responsibilities also include public health, safety and general welfare, as well as interacting with builders in an effort to address issues that pertain to our local community.

The Director of the *Resource Management Department* is Chris Coulter, AICP. Director of the Planning and Zoning is Kent Morris, AICP. Kevin Barnes, P.E. is the Greene County Stormwater Engineer and supervises the Environmental. Dave O'Dell is the Chief Building Regulations and the Building Superintendent is Dave Dunn.

# Greene County - Local Emergency Planning Committee

**Department** ..... Local Emergency Planning  
Committee (LEPC)

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**Mission areas** ..... Hazardous material emergency  
preparedness

**Programs available** ..... Advisory, regulatory, public  
education

**Description:**

The *LEPC* is the execution arm at the local community level for the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986. The committee is comprised of representatives from organizations and agencies specified by EPCRA. Its primary responsibility is community hazardous material emergency preparedness. It accomplishes that responsibility by collecting hazardous material information from facilities required to file under EPCRA, develops community emergency response plans to respond to these facilities, and provides hazardous materials training classes to community and business emergency response responders. The LEPC databases hazardous material information it receives and provides that data to emergency response organizations. Plans and facility information are made accessible to the public during business hours. The *LEPC* can take civil action against facilities that fail to comply. Membership in the LEPC is open to the public.

# Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District

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**Mission areas**..... Land use, water quality,  
waste  
**Programs available**..... Advisory, public education,  
cost-share

**Description:**

The Greene County *Soil and Water Conservation District* assists area landowners with the development and implementation of various conservation practices and programs in the county. The district encourages and promotes no-till forage and pasture management, as well as animal waste management. The *SWCD* places high emphasis on education programs for landowners as well as students in the county. Technical advice is provided on many areas including erosion problems, pond sites and construction, and abandoned well sealing. The *SWCD* pays part of the costs necessary for landowners to complete various conservation practices. This cost-share assistance is available for qualifying farmlands. The *SWCD* also has equipment available for rent.

The Greene County *SWCD* works in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service.

# Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board

**Department** ..... Springfield-Greene County  
Environmental Advisory  
Board

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**Mission areas** ..... Air quality, water quality,  
energy use and SMART Building

**Programs available** ..... Advisory

**Description:**

The *Springfield-Greene County EAB* advises the Springfield City Council, Greene County Commission and their respective departments, boards, and agencies concerning existing and proposed operations and practices that may substantially affect the environment. The *EAB* recommends programs, activities, and legislation that will improve or protect the environment. The Board receives inquiries, complaints and suggestions with respect to the operations and facilities of the city and county and their effect upon the environment.

# Springfield/Greene County Health Department

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<b><u>Website</u></b> .....	<a href="http://www.springfieldmo.gov/health/">www.springfieldmo.gov/health/</a>
<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Air quality, water quality, environmental quality, environmental compliance, laboratory analysis, health education
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Advisory, regulatory, planning curriculum, research, public education, volunteers

## **Description:**

The *Springfield/Greene County Health Department* is made up of three divisions: Administration, Environmental Health Services and Community Health Services. All programs within those divisions are directed toward the mission of “Helping people live longer, healthier, happier lives.”

## **Services provided in the Division of Environmental Health include:**

- Air Quality Services
- Environmental Lead Testing and case monitoring
- Health Education
- Recreational Water Facilities Inspection
- Private Water Well and Sewage Inspections
- Environmental Laboratory Analysis
- Food Service Inspection
- Animal Control
- Environmental Compliance Services
- Public Messaging and Communication

# Springfield/Greene County Health Dept. Air Quality Control Division

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**Mission areas**..... Air quality  
**Programs available**..... Regulatory, advisory, research,  
education, technical assistance

**Description:**

The Air Quality Control Division of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department is the air quality authority in the city limits of Springfield. The program provides many services to help reduce air pollution and protect public Health. The services include:

- Regulatory compliance
- Air emission permitting
- Air quality monitoring
- Technical assistance
- Public education and outreach
- Asbestos compliance
- Indoor air quality education resources
- Pollution prevention services

# City of Springfield – Solid Waste Management Division

<b><u>Branch</u></b> .....	Solid Waste Management Div.
<b><u>Department</u></b> .....	Public Works
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<b><u>Fax number</u></b> .....	(417) 864-1906
<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Solid waste management, recycling, waste reduction, composting, household chemical disposal, business assistance
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Advisory, regulatory, curriculum, public education, research, training, volunteers, business assistance

**Description:**

The City of Springfield’s *Division of Solid Waste Management* is committed to the fiscally and environmentally sound management of Springfield’s “trash” through an Integrated Solid Waste Management System approach. Curbside recycling is provided by private haulers and the following components are provided by the City, funded by the tipping fees paid at the Springfield Sanitary Landfill:

- The *Household Chemical Collection Center* serves non-commercial Springfield residents (located at 1226 W. Nichols) and reuses or recycles over 80% of the materials it receives. It also facilitates disposal assistance for CESQG businesses. Please call 864-2000 for more information.
- The *Yardwaste Recycling Center* provides one-stop shopping by accepting yardwaste including brush and limbs and offering high-quality compost and landscaping mulch.
- The *Recycling Centers* are collection centers that accept a variety of recyclables such as mixed paper, glass, plastic bottles, milk jugs, aluminum cans, etc.
- *Market Development* is undertaken to increase the availability of a dependable source of recycled materials and to encourage the use of these items in manufacturing. The purchasing of products made from recycled materials helps to “close the loop.”
- *Public Education* involves working with the community to increase awareness of the value and technology of sound solid waste management practices. Call the Recycling Hotline at 864-1904 for more info.
- *Springfield Sanitary Landfill* provides accessible, affordable and environmentally responsible solid waste disposal. Tipping fees generated by the landfill fund the Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS).

# City of Springfield – Storm Water Services Division

<b><u>Branch</u></b> .....	Storm Water Services Division
<b><u>Department</u></b> .....	Public Works
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<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Storm water quality, flood control
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Advisory, regulatory, public

## **Description:**

The Storm Water Services Division is committed to the development of storm water solutions to meet the needs of the community and to protect the quality of area waterways. The Division provides a variety of services including reviewing plans for all new developments, mapping the storm water system and sinkhole areas, designing projects to reduce flood hazards, and recommending key locations for property acquisition for storm water improvement projects. The Division also administers the City's federally mandated NPDES Storm Water Permit. Under this permit, the City is developing a Storm Water Management Program to reduce pollution in storm water runoff. Some of the elements of the Storm Water Management Program are:

- Sampling of urban streams
- Field screening for illicit discharges
- Issuing Land Disturbance Permits and regulatory erosion control on construction sites
- Promoting the design and construction and Best Management Practices that minimizes the impact of runoff from new development
- Increasing the use of Best Management Practices for the operation of the City's roadways and storm water system
- Public education on storm water issues including proper disposal of oil and toxic materials as well as environmentally-friendly lawn care practices through the Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods Program
- Developing public improvement projects that enhance water quality
- Adopt-A-Stream Program

# City of Springfield – Industrial Pretreatment Program

**Branch**..... Sanitary Services Division  
**Department**..... Public Works Services  
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**Mission areas** ..... Water quality  
**Programs available** ..... Public education, regulatory  
**Web site** .....[www.springfieldmo.gov/sanitary/pretreatment](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/sanitary/pretreatment)

**Description:**

The *Industrial Pretreatment Program*, within the Sanitary Services Division of the Springfield Public Works Department, is responsible for the enforcement of Chapter 120 of the Springfield City Code known as the “Wastewater Regulation.” The provisions of this Chapter apply to the discharge of all wastewater into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) by providing for the use of POTW, regulations of sanitary sewer construction, control of the quantity and quality of wastewater discharged, industrial wastewater pretreatment, alternate treatment facilities, equitable distribution of costs, assurance that existing capacity will not be exceeded, approval of sewer construction plans, issuance of Wastewater Contribution Permits, minimum sewer connection standards, conditions, penalties, and enforcement provisions for violations of Chapter 120.

Inquiries regarding the use of the POTW, wastewater discharge and pretreatment, Wastewater Contribution Permits, and enforcement of Wastewater Regulations should be directed to Randy Lyman at the above address. Questions relating to sanitary sewer construction, connection standards, charges, and conditions should be directed to Ed Malter at (417) 864-1910. For educational tours of the wastewater treatment facilities and environmental laboratory, contact Tom Holst at (417) 891-1600, ext. 123.

# City Utilities of Springfield

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<b><u>Mission Area(s)</u></b> .....	Energy services, drinking water, public transportation, telecommunications
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Plant tours and other educational outreach programs. Speakers bureau on a variety of energy, environmental, and water quality topics. Speakers bureau contact is Chris Vallely, 831-8433.

## **Organizations Description:**

City Utilities of Springfield is a municipally owned utility providing electric, gas, drinking water, transit and telecommunications services to the Springfield metropolitan area. Electricity is generated at the James River and Southwest Power Stations via coal-fired steam units and gas and oil-fired combustion turbines. Plant tours include a discussion of environmental regulations affecting plant operations, as well as the technology used to control and continuously monitor air emissions.

CU's Fulbright and Blackman Water Treatment Plants are the largest drinking water works in the region. Plant tours explain the entire treatment process from source water protection to safe drinking water production.

CU also provides educational programs through local schools and civic groups. Curriculum offerings include resource conservation, especially with respect to water and energy.

# City of Republic – Wastewater Treatment Plant

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**Mission areas** ..... Waste, water quality  
**Programs available** ..... Regulator

**Description:**

The primary objective of the *wastewater treatment plant* is to protect the environment and improve the downstream water quality. Raw domestic sewage is treated to remove organic solids (dissolved and suspended) and some inorganic solids. The *treatment plant* accelerates natural processes using bacteria to break down the waste in order to produce clean water.

# Dickerson Park Zoo

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<b><u>Web site</u></b> .....	<a href="http://www.dickersonparkzoo.org">www.dickersonparkzoo.org</a>
<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Wildlife conservation, zoological park
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Public education programs, research, volunteers

## **Description:**

*Dickerson Park Zoo* is home to hundreds of animals in naturalistic settings. Guests enjoy exhibits featuring animals of the African Plains, South America, Australia and native species in Missouri Habitats. *Dickerson Park Zoo* is dedicated to enhancing quality of life by providing meaningful recreational experiences, educating the public, conserving animals and plants and conducting scientific studies that add to the knowledge of the natural world. Education programs include community outreach programs, classes at the zoo for children and adults, and up-close encounters with animals from the education collection.

# Discovery Center of Springfield, Inc.

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<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Interactive health, science geo- culture and environmental education
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	BodyWorks, ScienceWorks, World Wise, Distance Learning and Outreach, Environmental Pathways
<b><u>Web site</u></b> .....	<a href="http://www.discoverycenter.org">www.discoverycenter.org</a>

## **Description:**

The *Discovery Center of Springfield, Inc.* is an interactive, hands-on museum committed to inspiring people of all ages with a life-long love of learning and an appreciation for the world and our place in it. In addition to promoting respect for the environment, the *Discovery Center* interweaves many forms of science, health, technology, history, art and culture. The museum includes permanent and traveling exhibits, hands-on activities, innovative group programs, summer workshops, video conferencing, web-based activities and curriculum, and special events including the regional hosting of Earth Day festivities. The *Discovery Center* serves as a resource for teachers and parents who wish to utilize the *Center's* broad array of educational programs. Drawing visitors from across the region, the *Discovery Center* enjoys a total market of around 1,000,000 people. Through outreach and after school programming the *Discovery Center* also works closely with social service agencies and Title I schools to provide special programs for the region's "at risk" children.

# Greater Ozarks Audubon Society

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<b><u>Mission areas</u></b> .....	Wildlife, habitat preservation/restoration, nature, biodiversity
<b><u>Programs available</u></b> .....	Advisory, public education and outreach (slides), field trips/nature walks

## **Description:**

Local members belong to the National Audubon Society, a group of over 600,000 people who watch birds and are concerned with quality of life topics. Awareness of the interdependence of all living things is raised through the study of birds. The Audubon Society fosters this study and is committed to community service and environmental education for the conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

Slide programs are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics including bird identification, bird feeding, landscaping for wildlife, and building bluebird trails. The *Greater Ozarks Audubon Society (GOAS)* oversees the following conservation programs: South Creek habitat restoration project, two Bluebird trails, a Barn Owl nest box placement program, the GOAS Stream Team, Adopt-A-Street cleanups, and Earth Day cleanups and restoration. GOAS also provides Audubon Adventures, an environmental education program produced by the National Audubon Society, to over 80 elementary classrooms in Springfield and surrounding areas.

# Ozark Greenways, Inc.

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**Mission areas**..... Preservation of the Ozarks natural heritage through the creation of greenway trails.  
**Programs available**..... Membership and volunteer opportunities, committee service, special events, monthly work-day, trail watch

## **Description:**

*Ozark Greenways, Inc.* is a membership based citizen's group in the Springfield area that works to conserve natural resources and expand opportunities to enjoy them through the creation of greenway trails. The group works closely with the City of Springfield, Greene County and other governmental and private entities to make greenways a reality. Planning, fund-raising, right-of-way acquisition, trail design and management are all activities of *Ozark Greenways, Inc.* The South Creek/Wilson's Creek Greenway, Galloway Creek Greenway and the Frisco Highline Rail-To-Trail are three of the *Ozark Greenways', Inc.* projects.

Through *Ozark Greenways, Inc.*, individuals/groups have the opportunity to:

- Become a member
- Volunteer on the trails
- Serve on a committee
- Help with special events
- Join the Trail Watch
- Become a Tree Keeper

# Ozarks New Energy, Inc.

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**Web site**.....[www.ozarksnewenergy.org](http://www.ozarksnewenergy.org)

**Mission areas**.....Renewable, alternative,  
sustainable energy

**Programs available**.....Annual two-day conference and  
monthly Energy Cafes

**Description:**

Ozarks New Energy, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing information about renewable, alternative, sustainable energy use in the Ozarks region. ONE organizes an annual two-day conference that includes plenary speakers, breakout sessions, field trips, an alternative car show, exhibits and demonstrations. Topics generally cover power generation, transportation, green building, energy efficiency, biofuels and food security. Sponsorships are available, as ONE receives no ongoing funding from any governmental body or grant.

# Sierra Club White River Group

**Branch** ..... White River Group

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**Mission areas**..... Conservation, energy, local food  
environment

**Programs available**..... Public education, volunteers,  
videos

**Description:**

It is the mission of the Sierra Club to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth, to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources and to educate, motivate and empower people to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. Programs available include Monthly programs on environmental and conservation issues are offered by the group at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The group has also installed and maintains a demonstration rain garden as a part of the water quality education complex at Valley Water Mill Park, and the group is developing an outings program for all ages, which will be open to the public. For more information, check the group's website. The website also provides links to important environmental news in Missouri and a glossary of basic information on current environmental issues.

# League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri

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**Mission areas** ..... Air quality, chemical  
emergency preparedness,  
land use, waste, water  
quality, wildlife

**Programs available** ..... Public education, volunteers

**Description:**

The *League of Women Voters* is a non-partisan organization that does not support nor oppose candidates for any office at any level of government. *League* members study issues, including environmental issues, and work to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

# Watershed Committee of the Ozarks

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**Mission areas**..... Land use, water quality,  
drinking water  
**Programs available**..... Advisory, public education,  
research, volunteers

## **Description:**

The *Watershed Committee of the Ozarks* is a not-for-profit, citizens' advisory organization founded in 1984. It provides review for local governments of any project proposals within the watersheds of the municipal drinking water supply. It also provides public education on watershed protection and administers projects designed to gather information and implement practices for protecting and improving water quality.

A limited number of internships are available for the *Watershed Committee* and volunteers are available for presentations and watershed-related work projects.

# James River Basin Partnership

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**Mission areas**..... James River Basin  
**Programs available**..... Clean Water Kids-Watershed Ed.,  
Urban Soil Test Rebate, Septic  
Tank Pump-out Program, Storm  
Water Initiative

## **Description**

James River Basin Partnership is a citizen-based organization working on water quality issues in the James River and Upper White River Basins. The JRBP vision is, “Clean water for you, your children, and your grandchildren.” The organization’s mission is, “Working to protect and improve the water quality in our springs, streams, rivers, and lakes.” Goals to meet the mission:

1. Implement water quality evaluation protocol
2. Implement programs to positively impact water quality
3. Increase citizen participation in water quality issues
4. Develop sustainable funding sources

Currently areas of focus include: scientific research, public outreach and education. The Science Committee is composed of JRBP board members and members of the local scientific community. Current projects are: Stormwater 319 Project, Nutrient Management Planning, Water Quality Improvement Project: Promote Low Impact Development, Watershed Management Planning, Septic Tank Pump-out, Urban Soil Testing, River Rescue Clean-up, and County-wide Watershed Festivals. To achieve public education, JRBP holds membership meetings, produces “Current” newsletter, and hosts other informational events. Community financial support fund JRBP programs.

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