Meramec River Watershed:
Lower Meramec Meeting
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• **Mission:** The mission of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is to protect our air, land and water; preserve our unique natural and historic places; and provide recreational and learning opportunities for everyone.

• **Vision for Missouri:** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources envisions a Missouri where people live and work in harmony with our natural and cultural resources, make decisions that result in a quality environment, and prosper today and in the future.
Got questions? Call or email!

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Meramec River Recreation Association

Purpose:
To engage in activities designed to protect the Meramec River and its watershed from River Mile 108 near Sullivan to its confluence with the Mississippi near St. Louis with a view to the preservation of said stream and its surrounding area in its natural state with careful development and utilization of its recreational, aesthetic, educational and economic potential for the benefit of the public.
MRRA Objectives

• Promote and protect the scenic quality and recreational uses of the river.
• Review and publicly comment on the plans and practices of others affecting the river and its resources.
• Prevent and rectify illegal dumping, pollution, nuisances, and other activities which interfere with the natural environment of the river and public enjoyment thereof.
MRRA Objectives

• Advocate reasonable conditions on existing and new economic uses which effect the river and conflict with the natural environment of the river.
• Address river-related issues such as riverbank erosion, the management of tributaries, the inappropriate use of floodplains and the erection of levees or other structures within the floodplain.
MRRA Objectives

- Encourage periodic surveys of the river resources conditions for the guidance of members and the public on how the river and its varied resources may be conserved, restored or wisely utilized.
- Support the greenway concept of public ownership of riparian lands acquired from willing sellers and donors, and encourage the cooperation of private owners.
MRRA Objectives

• Educate the public on matters of water quality, soil and water conservation, fish and wildlife conservation, aesthetics and recreation.

• Promote a consensus and coordinated policy among landowners, river users, and the surrounding communities on matters related to the aforesaid purposes.

• Support plans, policies and programs consistent with these objectives and oppose plans, policies and programs which are inconsistent with these objectives.
MRRA Members

• Official Members – The chief elected official or administrator of the following public or quasi public agencies having the authority to own or manage recreational or conservation lands along the river, or an alternate designated by such official or administrator:
Counties

- Franklin County
- Jefferson County
- St. Louis County

Cities

- Arnold
- Kirkwood
- Sunset Hills
- Fenton
- Valley Park
- Wildwood
- Eureka
- Pacific
Non Profit/Institutions

- Shaw Nature Reserve
- Tyson Research Center
- Open Space Council

State Government Members

- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Missouri Department of Conservation.
Citizen Members

Three members elected by the Board of Directors from residents of each of Franklin, Jefferson and St. Louis Counties.

At Large Members

Two members elected to represent the general public
What can MRRA do for you?

- Promote and potentially sponsor River Education, Stewardship and Recreation Programs.
- Provide matching funds for Grant Opportunities.
- Coordinate Efforts between members for outreach, education, and special events.
- Provide public input on planning efforts related to water quality, development, and other river resource issues.
Mark your Calendars

Next MRRA meeting:
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Route 66 State Park Visitor Center
1:00 -3:00 p.m.