# Urban Waters Federal Partnership New Life for the Meramec and Big Rivers

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# Federal Initiatives in the Meramec

- Urban Waters
- Corps of Engineers – Meramec Project
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Natural Resource Damage Assessment Funds
- Forest Service



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Meramec Basin
Mill Dams
USGS_Gages
Streams
HUC Watersheds
Municipalities
State Owned Land
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0 5 10 20 Miles
Bourbeuse
Big
Meramec
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# Potential Partners

The 27 NGOs who have pledged support are:

- Alliance for Community Trees
- American Forests
- American Planning Association
- American Rivers
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Amigos de los Rios
- Arbor Day Foundation
- Arkansas Urban Forestry Council
- City Parks Alliance
- EarthForce
- Groundwork USA
- Izaak Walton League
- National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- National Recreation and Park Association
- National Wildlife Federation
- River Network
- SavATree
- Society of Municipal Arborists
- The Chesapeake Conservancy
- The Conservation Fund
- The Intertwine Alliance
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Sierra Club
- The Trust for Public Land
- Tree Care Industry Association
- Wilderness Inquiry

# Urban Waters Federal Partnership Principals

## Urban Waters Ambassador Position

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| Accelerate and Coordinate On the Ground Projects | Increase Water Quality | Increase Public Health | Restore the Ecosystem | Increase Community Outreach |

Reconnecting Individuals
with THEIR Waters

# Corps of Engineers Meramec Project

- Corps Meramec Ecosystem Restoration
  - MDNR
  - USEPA
- Ecosystem Restoration
  - Bed and Bank Instabilities
  - Low Water Crossings
  - Ecosystem “Lift”

# EPA

- Superfund Sites
  - ►Jefferson, St. Francois, and Washington Counties
    - Residential Yards
    - In-stream on Big River and Tributaries
- Treatability Studies
  - ►Hired Corps to assist with in-stream



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# NRDA

- Trustees (MDNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service)
  - Determine Use of Funds
  - Mitigate damage to natural resources
- Up Coming Meeting
  - October 13th Meeting in Park Hills
  - http://dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/sfund/nrda.htm



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# Success Stories!

# Kiefer Creek and UW

- Helping to develop a partnership that is creating a Nine Element Watershed Plan
- Working with The Nature Conservancy to analyze and prioritize projects/measure within the watershed to improve water quality

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