# Our Missouri Waters – Lower Meramec River Meeting

Powder Valley Nature Center
October 7, 2015 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122

# Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions** — **Aaron Young**, *aaron.young@ewgateway.org*
   *Aaron Young from East-West Gateway Council of Governments will welcome the group and introduce the afternoon's agenda.*

2. **Our Missouri Waters Overview** — **Tracy Haag**, *tracy.haag@dnr.mo.gov*
   *Tracy Haag will give an overview of MDNR's Our Missouri Waters and what they hope to achieve for the Meramec River and across the state.*

3. **Summary of Meramec River Interviews**
   *During the summer of this year, employees of East-West Gateway have been interviewing city/county employees, business owners, and land owners along the entire length of the Meramec River. Aaron Young will summarize the interviews conducted in the Lower Meramec watershed.*

4. **Federal Initiatives** — **Matt Cosby**, *Matthew.G.Cosby@usace.army.mil*
   *Matt Cosby, Urban Waters Partnership Ambassador, will give an overview of the federal initiatives occurring in and bringing resources to the Meramec watershed. These include the Federal Urban Waters Partnership, USACE's Ecosystem Restoration and Feasibility Study, EPA's Lead Remediation, and the Natural Resource Damage Assistance Fund.*

5. **Meramec River Conservation Action Plan** — **Steve Herrington**, *sherrington@tnc.org*
   *Steve Herrington from The Nature Conservancy will present TNC's Meramec River Conservation Action Plan and discuss how it can be a resource to organizations working in the watershed.*

6. **Stormwater Management** — **Roland Biehl**, *rbiehl@stlmsd.com*
   *Roland Biehl from MSD will discuss stormwater management best practices and how those practices impact the biodiversity of the river.*

7. **Recreation Panel and Discussion**
   *Moderated by David Wilson from East-West Gateway, members of the Meramec River Recreation Association, the Meramec River Tributary Alliance, and the Meramec River Green Greenway will discuss their initiatives, their role in maintaining the quality of the river, and the future of their organizations.*

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