AGENDA

Upper Meramec River Watershed Workshop – Our Missouri Waters 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ~ Tuesday, October 13, 2015 St. James Community Center 1340 Nelson Hart Drive ~ St. James, MO 65559

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – MRPC & EWG staff

II. OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS IMPACTING THE MERAMEC RIVER

 Our Missouri Waters Overview – Tracy Haag, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

An overview of the Our Missouri Waters Initiative – bringing together local citizens, organizations and agencies to find balanced approaches to improving and maintaining our water resources.

- b. Watersheds: Economic Benefits, Use and Protection, an Overview of the Missouri Experience Bob Broz or Dan Downing, Missouri Extension Service *Rivers provide economic value to communities. Addressing both use and protection of water resources for the benefit of all.*
- c. Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) of Mining Impacts; and Feasibility Study for Restoration Projects Matt Cosby, US Corps of Engineers *An overview of the NRDA and the joint feasibility study*.
- d. Meramec River: Resource for the Region Rob Pulliam, Missouri Department of Conservation *Overview of upper watershed issues related to the need to protect species and benefit land and water.*
- III. CLEAN WATER: STORMWATER AND WASTEWATER Steve Hargis, Public Works Director, City of Rolla A discussion of best practices for cities to manage sewer systems, stormwater and reduce runoff
- IV. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAMS: THE LANDOWNER EXPERIENCE – Robert Foshee, Davisville Overview of programs to assist land owners in managing erosion and improving water quality
- V. STRATEGIES FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX ON FUNDING LOW WATER CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS – Eric Kopinski, MoDOT, and Darrell Skiles, Presiding Commissioner, Dent County *Strategies for road grading that protect water quality and constructing low water bridges that protect fisheries. Creative funding opportunities.*

VI. BREAKOUT SESSION – FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ISSUES Attendees will have the opportunity to further discuss workshop issues through table discussions.

Hosted by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission and the East West Gateway Council of Governments. For more information, please contact Tammy Snodgrass at (573) 265-2993 or via email at <u>tsnodgrass@meramecregion.org</u>

DIRECTIONS: From I-44, take exit 195 (St. James) and turn south onto Highway 68 (Jefferson Street). Go past the Missouri Veteran's Home and through the stoplight at Highway KK. Before you cross the railroad tracks, turn right (west) onto West Springfield Street. Sport Club Drive is approximately .85 miles. It is located where the railroad veers away from West Springfield. Turn left onto Sport Club Drive and at about 300 yards take a right into Nelson Hart Park. The community center is the last building on the right. If you miss the turn off onto Sport Club Drive, the park can also be accessed from West Springfield approximately .4 of a mile further down West Springfield. If you use the west entrance, the community center will be the first building on your left. The roads will be marked the afternoon of the workshop.