

Springfield – Greene County, Mo Integrated Plan for the Environment



Task Force Meeting Notes July 15, 2014

Attendees

Task Force members present were:

Dan Hoy	Emily Denniston	Jason Hainline
Ken McClure	Miles Ross	Charley Burwick
King Coltrin	Matt Pierson	Janet Hicks
Bridget Dierks	Skip Jansen	Jim Peterson
Bob McCartney	Joe Pitts	Zach Miller
Terry Whaley	Natasha Longpine	John Twitty
Kara Tvedt	Luke Westerman	
Debra Dorshost	Clay Dodson	

Absent: Loring Bullard, Doug Neidigh, Janet Dankert, Brad Erwin, Fred Palmerton, Jennifer Wilson, Michelle Garand, Jared Rasmussen

Technical Committee Members present were: Kevin Barnes (Greene County Resource Management), Dave Fraley (City Utilities), Todd Wagner (City Public Works), Barbara Lucks (City Environmental Services), Randy Lyman (City Environmental Services), Carrie Lamb (City Environmental Services), and Tim Davis (Greene County Resource Management)

Springfield/Greene County staff present included: Ashley Fears (City Environmental Services), Kimberly White (City Environmental Services), and Kelsey Williams (City Environmental Services).

Missouri DNR or EPA staff present: Kevin Hess (MDNR)

Others present were: Milton Dickensheet, Mike Pessina, Eric Dove, and Jeff Henson.

Environmental Priorities Task Force Meeting #6

Errin Kemper, Assistant Director Environmental Services, provided an update of the progress so far by the Environmental Priorities Task Force. The charge of the Task Force was also reviewed in preparation for the upcoming discussions on setting priorities related to water resources, water quality, and drinking water.

Sheila Shockey, with Shockey Consulting Services, facilitated the group with setting goals and objectives related to the community's water resources. The draft vision statement from the Field Guide 2030 included the following priorities-

- Protect and Improve environment to attract and retain business.
- Protect and Improve ecosystem health
- Protect and improve human health
- Protect and improve the environment for citizens and tourists to enjoy.
- Protect and improve food sources

The Task Force initiated priority setting by writing news headlines for the year 2030. The following headlines were developed for the goals.

Protect and Improve environment to attract and retain business

- Looking for the most improved integrated environment - Meet with us in Springfield, MO
- "Implementation of the Primary Goals of the "Integrated Plan" for the Environment Achieve! And Sustainable!
- Springfield Area continues to set the environmental stewardship bar for the World

Protect and Improve ecosystem health

- Results of 2029 Comprehensive environmental resource assessment indicates biological diversity, water quality, and number of hazardous waste sites are at best levels since record keeping began
- Southwest Missouri surpasses 2030 targets for Ecosystem Services Enhancement.
- City of Springfield Council acknowledges Climate change: It's Happening!
- Latest EPA report on Quality of Ecosystem Health shows SWM as the Top health standard for the Lower 48 states
- Greene County Achieves milestone: Energy Independent
- Springfield and Greene County continue to lead the nation for environments health standards. Serves as a model for sustainability
- Today the citizens for the City of Springfield & Greene County celebrate 18 years of clean air, land, and water. With the completion of the goals of the Integrated Plan developed in 2015, our air, water, and land are now sustained by aggressive citizen action and community commitment to sustainability.
- Environmental Challenges continue- strong community effort to react.

Protect and improve human health

- (2035) - DNR/EPA no longer monitors SW district as lakes, streams, and drinking water sources are the best in the nation.

Protect and improve the environment for citizens and tourists to enjoy

- Ozark Greenways receive \$20 million for local trail development
- Visionary leadership paved the way for sustaining environment priorities
- Bicycle ridership surpasses 20%
- Safe water for drinking, aquatic activities and ecosystems continue to reward area citizens
- Area lakes voted best vacation spot in the Midwest
- Anglers enjoy quality fishing along the James River
- Springfield develops successful environmental places that meet the needs of the environment, our citizens and the business community
- All Environmental Integrated Planning Task Force goals met.

Protect and improve food sources

No headlines were developed.

Other headlines included:

- Strong environmental record attracts Bass Pro Galactic base camp
- Environmental task force of 2014 built foundation for today's water quality

The Task Force reviewed policy statements from previous meetings and how the Integrated Planning process turns the community priorities into actions. The discussion included desired outcomes of Integrated Planning, the role of the Task Force, and the next steps for the Task Force. Sheila then led the members through a series of questions and ways of looking at the issues to help them develop priorities and potential strategies for implementation.

At a previous Task Force meeting, the members participated in a survey and discussion on how the community uses our water resources and a water quality in these resources. The results were presented to the group, showing how the community uses the water resources and what is important to them.

The Citizen Task Force meeting concluded with a panel discussion by staff from Greene County, City of Springfield, and City Utilities. The topic focused on how priorities impact potential strategies to move forward to implementation. A timeline of regulatory compliance drivers was the backdrop for this discussion.

Raw Scores

	General Results	Upper James	Lower James	Wilson's Creek	Sac River	Little Sac	McDaniel Lake
Safe Drinking Water	\$ 35.32	547	190	75	270	250	590
Aquatic Life	\$ 18.59	313	372	392.5	375	375	245
Swimming	\$ 12.69	156	215	117.5	163	143	87
Irrigation, Livestock & Wildlife	\$ 11.44	169	227	230	260	260	83
Fish Consumption	\$ 9.57	139	175	80	183	188	213
Wading & Boating	\$ 6.23	124	190	187.5	152	162	145
Aesthetics	\$ 6.16	52	128	412.5	97	97	117
	\$ 100.00						

Final Results

	General Results	Upper James	Lower James	Wilson's Creek	Sac River	Little Sac	McDaniel Lake
Safe Drinking Water	\$ 35.32	36	13	5	18	17	39
Aquatic Life	\$ 18.59	21	25	26	25	25	16
Swimming	\$ 12.69	10	14	8	11	10	6
Irrigation, Livestock & Wildlife	\$ 11.44	11	15	15	17	17	6
Fish Consumption	\$ 9.57	9	12	5	12	13	14
Wading & Boating	\$ 6.23	8	13	13	10	11	10
Aesthetics	\$ 6.16	3	9	28	6	6	8
	\$ 100.00	98	101	100	99	99	99

Overall Rank

RANKING	1 st Rank	2 nd Rank	3 rd Rank	4 th Rank
Upper James	15	3	0	2
Lower James	1	2	7	5
Wilson's Creek	1	4	6	5
Sac River	0	1	3	6
Little Sac River	0	2	4	4
McDaniel Lake Watershed	5	10	2	0
Total Votes	22	22	22	22