



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



**JAMES RIVER BASIN
PARTNERSHIP**

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LOVE YOUR WATER

Working to improve and protect the water quality
of the springs, streams, rivers and lakes in the
James River watershed.

EDUCATE & INSPIRE

Providing exciting, **hands-on environmental education** helps to develop a passion for the outdoors and respect for our natural resources. We believe it's never too early or too late to talk about the importance of protecting our local waterways.



- Hosted watershed festivals and other education events for more than **825** students from Ozark and Nixa elementary and intermediate schools.
- Shared our water quality message through **19** different workshops and community presentations.
- Interacted with citizens of our watershed at **9** tabling events including the Lawn & Garden Show, Safe & Sound, and BronzeFest.



CLEANING UP OUR WATERWAYS

Litter is not only unpleasant to look at, but it is also harmful to wildlife and water quality. We invite you to come on out and lend a hand at one of annual stream cleanups including Earth Day, River Rescue, Day of Caring, Adopt-a-Highway, and the various urban clean-ups that we host throughout the year.

In 2018, approximately **260 dedicated volunteers** helped to remove over **6,250 pounds of trash** from our local waterways, including **460 pounds of recycled scrap metal** and **63 tires**.

RIVER RESCUE

83,250

POUNDS OF TRASH
REMOVED FROM OUR
RIVERS SINCE 2005



PROGRAMS & REBATES

RAIN BARREL REBATE



Conserve drinking water.
Reduce runoff. Save money.
In 2018, citizens of Greene & Christian County received a total of \$2,582.50 in rebates and installed over 5,920 gallons worth of rainwater harvesting capacity .

SEPTIC PUMPOUT REBATE

Protect your investment.
Protect our water.

For the majority of 2018 our "Fresh Flush" rebate program was put on hold as we transitioned to a new funding source. However, the Fresh Flush is now back online for 2019!



When was the last time YOU pumped your tank?

WILSONS CREEK 319 GRANT

In 2017, JRBP received EPA approval for our Wilson's Creek Watershed Based Plan. JRBP then applied for and received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to focus on improving and protecting the water quality in portions of Wilson's Creek and its tributaries. This grant, with federal dollars and match, equals more than \$900,000 and primarily focuses on riparian corridor protection, soil health and infiltration improvement, and urban nutrient reduction.



In 2018, through the WC 319 Grant, JRBP...

- Hosted 7 presentations that were attended by more than 150 individuals including students, community groups and members of the general public
- Hosted 8 stream cleanup events for 165 participants that removed an estimated 3,700 pounds of trash from streams within the Wilsons Creek watershed
- 40 water quality samples analyzed
- Launched the "Lawn Steward" soil testing program
- Worked on long-term riparian corridor protection projects

For more information, please visit
www.JamesRiverBasin.com/Wilsons-Creek-Grant

LAWN STEWARD SOIL TESTING PROGRAM

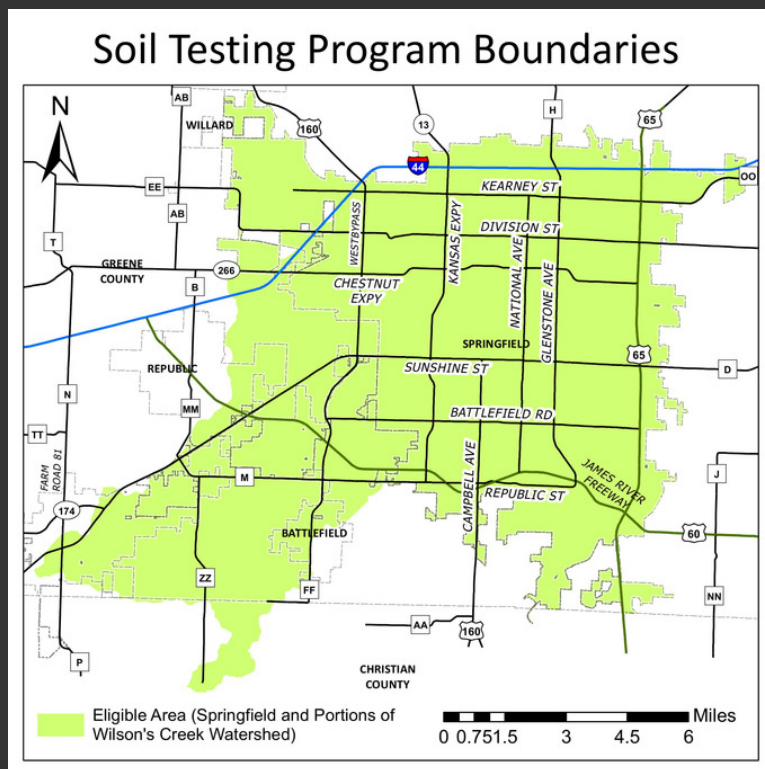


In 2018, in partnership with the City of Springfield and the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, JRBP launched the "Lawn Steward" soil testing program to educate local homeowners about the harmful effects of nutrient runoff, improve soil health and foster responsible fertilization and lawn management practices.

"The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself" Franklin D Roosevelt

The program is open to residents within the Springfield city limits and portions of the Wilsons Creek watershed.

Participants receive a FREE soil test and FREE 3-year nutrient management plan tailored to their lawn's specific needs.



For more information, please visit
www.JamesRiverBasin.com/Lawn-Steward

JAMES RIVER WATERSHED PLAN

In partnership with Ozarks Water Watch, Ozark Environmental Water Research Institute, and the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, JRBP is working to develop a Watershed Based Plan for the entire James River watershed. This is occurring through funding from the Department of Natural Resources. This is a multi-year process that began in December of 2016. As a part of plan development, a public survey was completed as well as 52 one-on-one stakeholder meetings to provide citizen input and engagement in watershed planning.



We are committed to creating a **community** of water quality advocates that come together through **education**, **action**, and **recreation**.

For more information, please visit www.JamesRiverBasin.com/HUC8

THE LAST STRAW CAMPAIGN

In 2018, we rolled out "The Last Straw" movement as an effort to curb plastic pollution in our waterways, starting with Downtown Springfield and Commercial Street.

Both businesses and individuals can participate by pledging to reduce or eliminate single-use plastics in their workplace or home. Participating businesses display "The Last Straw" logo (right) and individuals are encouraged to support them.

THE LAST STRAW

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SPRINGFIELD
BUSINESSES ON BOARD



MEMBERSHIP

Our financial backbone is comprised of approximately 30% federal, state, and foundational grant funding, while the remaining 70% is supported directly through citizen and business memberships, donations, and fundraising events.

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**INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY &
BUSINESS MEMBERS**



JRBP and our volunteers remove thousands of pounds of trash and recyclables from local rivers each year. Your membership helps fund clean-ups as well as educational outreach opportunities for adults and youth, projects & programs within our community, and general operational duties.



RIVER JAM



In June, on the banks of the Finley River in Ozark, Missouri thousands of people attended James River Basin Partnership's River Jam. This one day event featured live music, crawdads, and opportunities for folks to connect to the outdoors through some excellent Bass Pro Outdoor Days activities.



Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Bass Pro Shops - Steak 'n Shake - Youngblood Automotive - KY3

SUNSET SOIREE



The 2018 Sunset Soiree was a wonderful evening of laughter, camaraderie, captivating views, and tasty offerings with the goal of celebrating and protecting our local waterways.

Thanks to our sponsors and guests, we were able to raise **\$23,261** to help support our mission of improving and protecting water quality within the James River basin.

We hope to see you back out on the bridge in **September 2019!**

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KY3 - Great River Engineering - Commercial Metals Company -
Torgerson Design Partners - Cochran Engineering - Meridian Title - PCNet
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- Southwest Missouri Council of Governments



CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Each year the Conservation Federation of Missouri chooses a handful of the state's leading conservationists to recognize outstanding achievement. In the spring of 2018, JRBP was the proud recipient of the "Conservation Organization of the Year" award for 2017.



"We are proud to accept this award on behalf of all current and former board members, staff, volunteers, members, and all those that have worked so hard to protect one of our most critical natural resources, water. This is a recognition of not only JRBP's efforts, but our local community's dedication to this resource. We are deeply grateful." -Tiffany Frey

For more information, please visit www.JamesRiverBasin.com/HUC8

RIVER RAMBLINGS BLOG



Mark Twain once said, "The river has a new story to tell every day." While it's no *Life on the Mississippi*, our *River Ramblings* blog, launched in September, is our own meandering look at people, topics and events around the watershed and beyond - a blog devoted to waters, just as we all are.

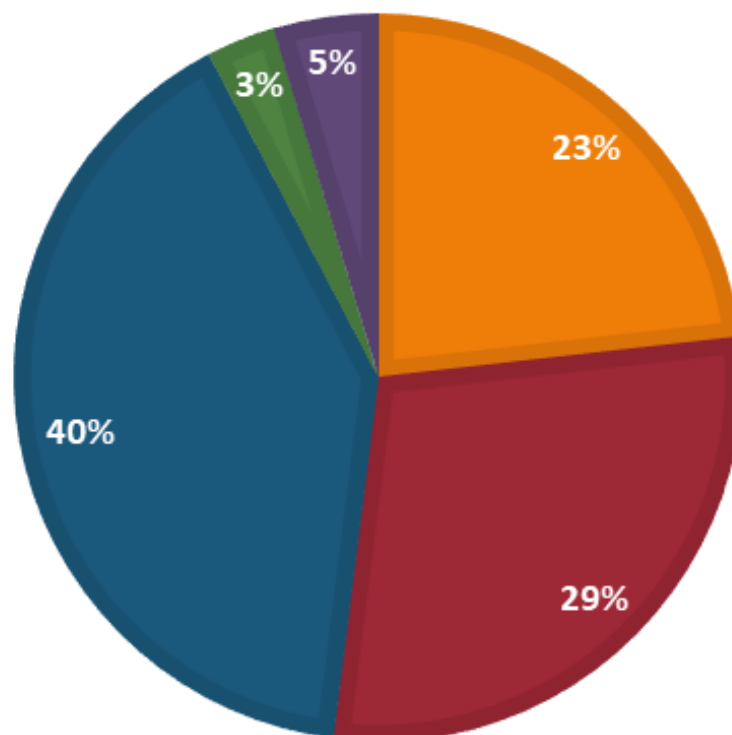
www.JamesRiverBasin.com/river-ramblings

FINANCIAL INFO - INCOME

Being a grassroots organization comes with a strong need for community support. Looking at our income streams for 2018 indicates the way our community supports us through fundraising efforts, annual business & municipal support, and membership. Our goal for next year is to see more members get involved with the opportunity to have fun while learning and supporting the important work of water quality protection.

INCOME

- Community Outreach/Annual Support
- Project Related (Grant & Contracts)
- Fundraising
- General
- Membership Dues

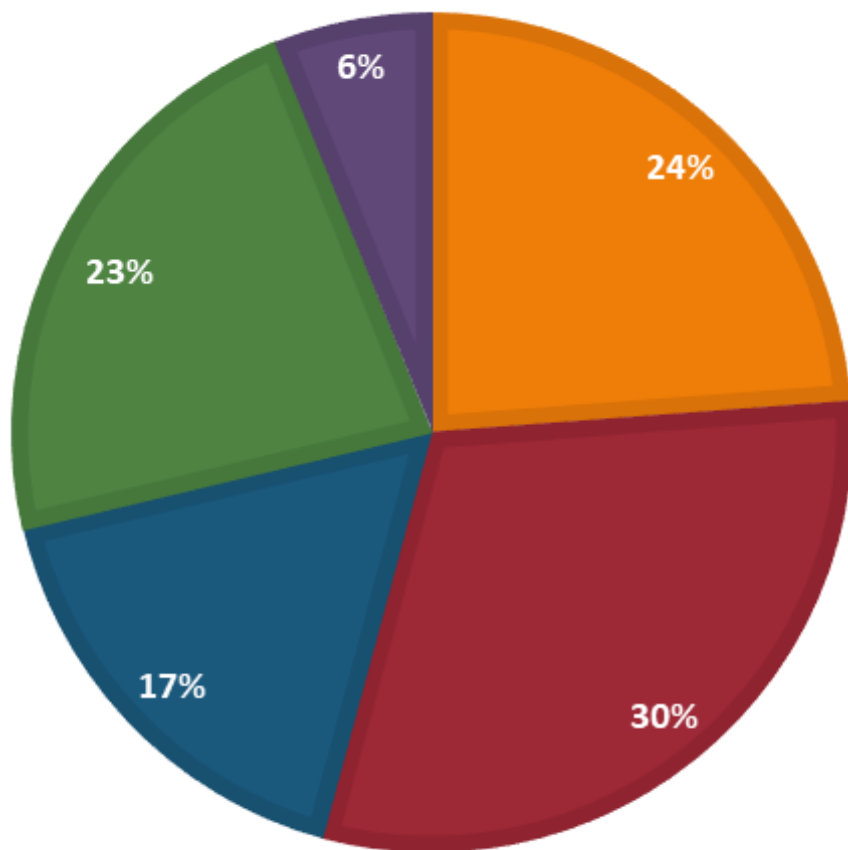


GOAL: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

FINANCIAL INFO - EXPENSES

Using our funds wisely and where it can make the biggest difference is the goal of everything we do. We are committed to careful and responsible use of funds while working to protect the water quality in our springs, streams, rivers, and lakes.

EXPENSES



GOAL: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

For their continual support of our mission and
their dedication to our beloved waterways

Individual/Family Members

Mary Ellen Allen
Connie Atkins
Ella Paige Blair
Chris Barnhart
Greg James Bischof
Nancy Breuer
Theresa Payne Brink
Ronda Kay Burnett
Julie Carey
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THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

For their continued support of our mission and
their dedication to our beloved waterways

Business Members

417 Professionals

American Business Systems

Great River Engineering

Meridian Title Company

River Hills Traveler

Y Bridge Canoe Rental

Annual Support

Bass Pro Shops

City of Nixa

City of Ozark

City of Springfield

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