

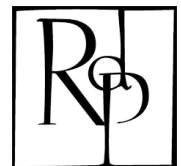


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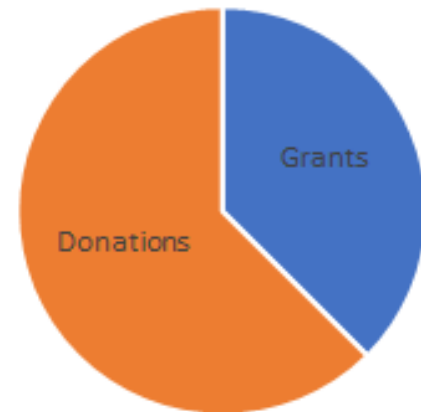
MISSION

The mission of the River des Peres Watershed Coalition is to improve, protect, and maintain the River des Peres, its tributaries, and its watershed as a vital natural and cultural resource in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Net Assets <i>(as of 12/15/2022)</i>	\$18,909.82
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Income	
Grants	\$ 300.00
Donations	\$ 500.00
Total Income	\$ 800.00



Expenses	
insurance	\$ 1,292.00
post office	\$ 232.00
advertising materials	\$ 250.00
trash bash & festival	\$ 375.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,149.00



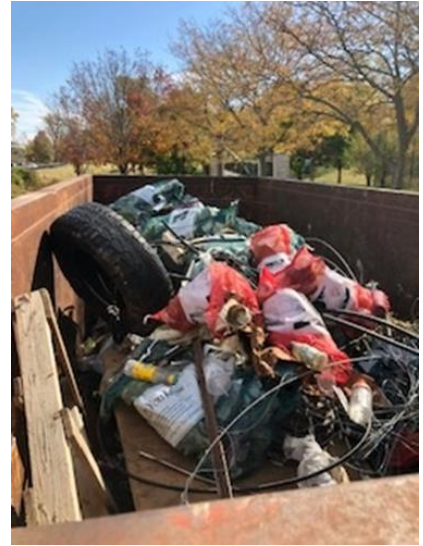
PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trash Bash and Watershed Festival

The River des Peres Trash Bash is an annual clean-up of the streams, greenways and parks in the River des Peres watershed and riverbank of the Mississippi River. Thanks to everyone who participated across the watershed to help create better habitats for our native species and clean water for our community. During this year's River des Peres Trash Bash, volunteers joined together at 29 different sites across the watershed for another successful event. Volunteers collected 5.87 tons of trash, protecting our creeks and streams.



Volunteers also participated in marking 311 storm drain inlets at multiple locations across the watershed. Storm drain marking reminds the community to keep trash, chemicals, and other pollution out of our storm drains. This helps preserve the health of our streams and rivers.



After a successful morning of litter pickup and storm drain marking, over a hundred volunteers gathered at Willmore Park for a Watershed Festival! Between live music, free food, a Unique Trash Contest, and educational opportunities for kids, there was no shortage of fun to be had.

Special thanks to supporting partners Open Space Council, Great Rivers Greenway, MSD and Earthways Center.

Bike With Your Boots On

River des Peres Watershed Coalition hosted two Bike With Your Boots On water quality monitoring events, one on River des Peres Greenway in June and the other on Gravois Creek Greenway in October. Six trained Stream Team water quality monitors collected chemistry data from the streams and other volunteers assisted and learned about the important roles of citizen science in the community. This effort helps to get a snapshot of water quality of the streams and the data is reported to Missouri Stream Team program.



Partner Highlight

The St. Louis Aquarium Foundation Stream Team is a member of the River des Peres Watershed Coalition who strives to improve, protect, and maintain the River des Peres, its tributaries, and its watershed as a vital natural and cultural resource in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The Aquarium and Coalition made a Tik-Tok about monitoring the biology of a local stream!



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DONATE?

It is difficult to commit. We are busy with work, family and just managing our lives. Time for ourselves barely exists. So what is the reason to volunteer or to donate to a cause we believe in?

When we volunteer to make a difference in the world we also develop and fulfill our own sense of purpose. In doing this we also get the benefits from finding a sense of peace and connecting with other people that share your passion. This can lead to better health, better relationships and a better perspective about our lives and the world in general.

We find great encouragement from working with people willing to set aside their differences and focus on a shared commitment. Finding common ground, realizing that we can get along and working together to achieve great things brings great optimism and hope.

By donating money, we provide financial support to fund programs and services that allow us to connect with the community with projects and activities that educate, inspire and help green our communities.

Another benefit of donating time and money is that it can also be tax deductible. In the United States, charitable contributions are tax-deductible, which means that individuals and organizations can deduct the amount of their donations from their taxable income. This can help to offset the cost of giving and make it more affordable for people to support the causes they care about.

Ultimately, supporting a cause is a rewarding way to make a positive impact in the world. We hope each of you can donate a bit of your time, talents and financial support to help the River des Peres Watershed Coalition so we can continue to improve, protect, and maintain the River des Peres, its tributaries, and its watershed as a vital natural and cultural resource in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

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*In Memory of
 Steve Nagle
 River hero and
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 who brought the
 community
 together for
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